

Podonsky, Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer, Office of Health, Safety and Security; Clay Sell, Deputy Secretary, Office of the Secretary; Thomas N. Pyke, Jr., Chief Information Officer; Thomas P. D'Agostino, Acting Administrator; William J. Desmond, Associate Administrator and Chief for Defense Nuclear Security; and Linda Wilbanks, Chief Information Officer, all with the National Nuclear Security Administration; Michael R. Anastasio, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory; and a public witness.

ALLEGATIONS OF POLITICAL INTERFERENCE WITH WORK OF CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENTISTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Held a hearing on allegations of political interference with the work of government climate change scientists. Testimony was heard from Drew Shindell, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, NASA; and public witnesses.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR 2007

Committee on Rules. Granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 20, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2007, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against the joint resolution and against its consideration (except for clause 9 or 10 of Rule XXI). The rule also provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representatives Lewis of California, Knollenberg, Weldon of Florida, Hall of Texas, Moran of Kansas, Sessions, Walden of Oregon, Flake, Brown-Waite of Florida, Feeney, King of Iowa and Campbell of California.

ADVANCE FUELS INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 547, Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—COAST GUARD INTEGRATED DEEPWATER SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held an oversight hearing of Coast Guard Integrated Deepwater System. Testimony was heard from ADM Thad W. Allen, USCG, Commandant,

U.S. Coast Guard; Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL RAILROAD SAFETY PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Federal Rail Safety Program. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Joseph Boardman, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and Calvin Scovel, Inspector General; Mark Rosenker, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; and Katherine Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION; OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee approved an Oversight Plan for the 110th Congress.

TRADE AND GLOBALIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on Trade and Globalization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures met for organizational purposes.

SUBCOMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operation; to be followed by a hearing to examine the roles of Federal food assistance programs in family economic security and nutrition, 9:45 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding the Iraq "surge" plan, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to resume hearings to examine abusive practices in Department of Defense contracting for services and inter-agency contracting, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; to be followed by a hearing to examine the Department of the Treasury's report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policy (IEERP) and the U.S.-China strategic economic dialogue, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine solutions to long-term fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed by a hearing to examine economic and security concerns relating to promoting travel to America, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider S. 202, to provide for the conveyance of certain Forest Service land to the city of Coffman Cove, Alaska, S. 216, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land in the Santa Fe National Forest and certain non-Federal land in the Pecos National Historical Park in the State of New Mexico, S. 220, to authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the A & B Irrigation District in the State of Idaho, S. 232, to make permanent the authorization for watershed restoration and enhancement agreements, S. 235, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District, S. 240, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, S. 241, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements to protect natural resources of units of the National Park System through collaborative efforts on land inside and outside of units of the National Park System, S. 245, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, S. 255, to provide assistance to the State of New Mexico for the development of comprehensive State water plans, S. 260, to establish the Fort Stanton-Snowy River Cave National Conservation Area, S. 262, to rename the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in the State of Idaho as the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area in honor of the late Morley Nelson, an international authority on birds of prey, who was instrumental in the establishment of this National Conservation Area, S. 263, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy, S. 264, to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, S. 265, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Subbasins in Oregon, S. 266, to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, S. 268, to designate the Ice Age Floods National

Geologic Trail, S. 275, to establish the Prehistoric Trackways National Monument in the State of New Mexico, S. 277, to modify the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park to include certain land within the GT Park Subdivision, S. 278, to establish a program and criteria for National Heritage Areas in the United States, S. 283, to amend the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, S. 320, to provide for the protection of paleontological resources on Federal lands, H.R. 57, to repeal certain sections of the Act of May 26, 1936, pertaining to the Virgin Islands, and S. 200, to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, subcommittee assignments, and the nominations of Michael J. Astrue, of Massachusetts, to be Commissioner of Social Security, and Dean A. Pinkert, of Virginia, and Irving A. Williamson, of New York, each to be a Member of the United States International Trade Commission, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to continue hearings to examine securing America's interests in Iraq, focusing on the remaining options in Iraq in the strategic context, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments; committee will also consider the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the Iraq Study Group, focusing on recommendations for improvements to Iraq's police and criminal justice system, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine challenges and strategies for securing the U.S. border, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations, committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, and subcommittee assignments, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine Federal small business assistance programs for veterans and reservists, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine if Medicare Part D is working for low-income seniors, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Readiness, joint hearing on Army equipment reset, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Department of Energy's implementation of the National

Nuclear Security Administration Act of 2000, 1 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on current manning, equipping and readiness challenges facing Special Operations Forces, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Strengthening America's Middle Class: Evaluating the Economic Squeeze on America's Families, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to meet for organizational purposes, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Understanding the Iran Crisis, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing entitled "Presidential Signing Statements under the Bush Administration: A Threat to Checks and Balances and the Rule of Law?" 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 547, Advanced Fuels Infrastructure Research and Development Act; and H. Res. 72, Recognizing the work and accomplishments of Mr. Britt "Max" Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Cen-

ter's Tropical Center's Tropical Prediction Center upon his retirement, 11 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to meet for organizational purposes, 12 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, to continue hearings on Reauthorization of the Federal Rail Safety Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to mark up the following: the Water Quality Financing Act of 2007; H.R. 569, Water Quality Investment Act of 2007; and a measure to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to extend the pilot program for alternative water source projects; and other pending business, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the Economic Challenges Facing Middle Class Families, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine ensuring the economic future by promoting middle-class prosperity, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.