

without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey, Representatives Lynch, Waters, Woolsey, Lee, Watson, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Lewis of California, Kirk, Sessions, Hunter, Shays, McHugh, Flake, Wilson of South Carolina, Cole of Oklahoma, Gingrey, King of Iowa, and Kuhl.

### WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES FEDERAL CONTRACTING

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on Federal Government Efforts in Contracting with Women-Owned Businesses. Testimony was heard from Jovita Carranza, Deputy Administrator, SBA; Frank Spampinato, Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Energy; Glenn Perry, Director, Contracts and Acquisitions Management, Department of Education; Thomas Luedtke, Assistant Administrator, NASA; and public witnesses.

### FAA FINANCING PROPOSAL

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the Federal Aviation Administration's Financing Proposal. Testimony was heard from Representatives Tiahrt and Barrow; from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Daniel K. Elwell, Assistant Administrator, Aviation Policy, Planning and Environment, FAA; and Calvin L. Scovel III, Inspector General; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### KATRINA TAX RELIEF ACT; GENETIC INFORMATION NONDISCRIMINATION ACT

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 1562, Katrina Housing Tax Relief Act of 2007; and H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007.

### MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the Medicare Advantage. Testimony was heard from Leslie V. Norwalk, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and Peter R. Orszag, Director, CBO.

### BRIEFINGS—HOT SPOTS FBI/CIA

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on FBI/CIA. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for military construction, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Full Committee, business meeting to markup the Supplemental Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the United States Southern command, Northern command, and Joint Forces command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on the detention and judicial capacity in Iraq, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine causes and consequences relating to mortgage market turmoil, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) modernization, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the "Future of Coal" report recently published by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to receive testimony on "Keeping America's Promise" relating to health care and child welfare services for Native Americans, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ford M. Fraker, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine deconstructing reconstruction, focusing on problems, challenges, and the way forward in Iraq and Afghanistan, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine a review of the Merit Systems Protection Board and the Office of the Special Counsel, focusing on the safeguarding of the merit systems principles in preparation for the consideration of the reauthorization of the two agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian housing, 9:45 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 376, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, S. 849, 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. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, S. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, S. 888, to amend section 1091 of title 18, United States Code, to allow the prosecution of genocide in appropriate circumstances, S. 621, to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances

surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II, and S. Res. 108, designating the first week of April 2007 as “National Asbestos Awareness Week” and to discuss the possibility of the issuance of certain subpoenas in the connection with investigation into the replacement of U.S. attorneys, 10 a.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 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Conditions and Trends in Rural Communities, 10 a.m., and on Rural Development, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on DEA/Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, 2 p.m., H-310 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, on Department of Energy: Nuclear Nonproliferation, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Minerals Management Service/Office of Surface Mining, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Library of Congress and Open World: Budget, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies, on Army Budget, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies, on FAA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Department of Defense Aircraft Programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor*, hearing on the BP-Texas City Disaster and Worker Safety, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning, and Competitiveness, hearing on The Higher Education Act: Approaches to College Preparation, 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 518, International Solid Waste Importation and Management Act of 2007; and H.R. 493, Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings on The Adequacy of FDA Efforts to Assure the Safety of the Drug Supply, Part II, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Oversight of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and Innovations in Interoperability,” 9 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, to continue mark up of H.R. 1257, Shareholder Vote on Executive Compensation Act, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on Foreign Policy and National Security Implications of Oil Dependence, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on Prospects for Peace in Guinea, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Europe, joint hearing on Polling Data on European Opinion of American Policies, Values and People, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled “Over-classification and Pseudo-classification: The Impact on Information Sharing”, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on Changing Tides: Exploring the Current State of Civil Rights Enforcement within the Department of Justice and an oversight hearing on the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Reforming Section 115, of the Copyright Act for the Digital Age, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 900, Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2007; and H.R. 1230, Puerto Rico Self-Determination Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 50, Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 465, Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1205, Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2007, 4 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on NOAA Fiscal Year 2008 Budget, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on FAA's Research and Development Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled “The New Hidden Tax on Small Business,” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Education Benefits for National Guard and Reserve members, 2 p.m., 349 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee Income Security and Family Support, hearing on Assistance for Elderly and Disabled Refugees, 12:30 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on the Alternative Minimum Tax, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, hearing on Counterintelligence, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.