

GSA: Lurita A. Doan, Administrator; and Brian D. Miller, Inspector General.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 362, amended, 10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds, Science and Math Scholarship Act; H. Con. Res. 76, Honoring the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments; and H. Res. 252, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of John Herschel Glenn, Jr.'s, historic achievement in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth.

MEDIA INFLUENCING SCIENCE POLICY

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on Shaping the Message, Distorting the Science: Media Strategies to Influence Science Policy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SMALL MEDICAL PRACTICES HEALTH IT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulation, Health Care and Trade held a hearing entitled "The Value of Health IT to Solo and Small Medical Practices." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FAA'S AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the FAA's Airport Improvement Program. Testimony was heard from D. Kirk Shaffer, Associate Administrator, Airports, FAA, Department of Transportation; Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; James E. Bennett, President and CEO, Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority; and public witnesses.

TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2007

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1677, Taxpayer Protection Act of 2007.

NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on National Security Letters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General; John S. Pistole, Deputy Director, FBI; and Kenneth Wainstein, Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the current economic outlook, focusing on economic activity, inflation, and the housing market, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2008 and the future years Defense Program, with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of David James Gribbin IV, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation, 11 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider S. 521, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse and customhouse located at 515 West First Street in Duluth, Minnesota, as the "Gerald W. Heany Federal Building and United States Courthouse and Customhouse", S. 801, to designate a United States courthouse located in Fresno, California, as the "Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse", S. 992, to achieve emission reductions and cost savings through accelerated use of cost-effective lighting technologies in public buildings, S. 496, to reauthorize and improve the program authorized by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, and the nominations of Roger Romulus Martella, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Bradley Udall, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence In National Environmental Policy Foundation, 10 a.m., S-211, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine clean energy from the margins to the mainstream, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine eliminating and recovering improper payments, focusing on the Office of Management and Budget report entitled "Improving the Accuracy and Integrity of Improper Payments", 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian trust fund litigation, 9:15 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to continue hearings to examine Department of Justice hiring and firing of United States Attorneys, focusing on preserving prosecutorial independence, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, 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. 119, to prohibit profiteering and fraud relating to military action, relief, and reconstruction efforts, 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 connection with investigation into replacement of United States Attorneys, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: business meeting to mark up S. 163, to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Gold Star Wives of America, Fleet Reserve Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting and hearing regarding certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review colony collapse disorder in honey bee colonies across the United States, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Commission on Civil Rights/Legal Services Corporation/State Justice Institute, 10 a.m., and on International Trade Commission, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Secretary of Defense, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Weapons Activities Oversight, 10

a.m., and on Department of Energy: Weapons Activities and Naval Reactors, 2 p.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, General Government, and Related Agencies, on IRS, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Bioterrorism Preparedness and the Role of Department of Homeland Security Chief Medical Officer, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Bureau of Indian Affairs/Office of the Special Trustee, 3 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on public witnesses, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on House of Representatives, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

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

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Public Witnesses, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Transportation Safety: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration/Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration/National Transportation Safety Board, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on overview of morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) programs, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on How NCLB Affects Students with Disabilities, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Climate Change: Lessons Learned from Existing Cap and Trade Programs," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue markup of H.R. 1427, Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2007 and to mark up the following: H.R. 1515, to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program; H.R. 1675, Preservation Approval Process Improvement Act of 2007; and H.R. 1676, Native American Home Ownership Opportunity Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on the 2007 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices and the Promotion of Human Rights in U.S. Foreign Policy, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity and Science and Technology, to mark up H.R. 1680, Secure Handling of Ammonium Nitrate Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 1281, Deceptive Practices and Voter Intimidation Prevention Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Ensuring Executive Branch Accountability, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on ocean policy priorities in the United States, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 189, Paterson Great Falls National Park Act of 2007; H.R. 359, César Estrade Chávez Study Act; and H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the following measures, H.R. 401, National Capital Transportation Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 1124, To extend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999; H.R. 1402, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South Lecanto Highway in Lecanto, Florida, as the "Sergeant Dennis J. Flanagan Lecanto Post Office Building;" H.R. 1425, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4551 East 52nd Street in Odessa, Texas, as the "Staff Sergeant Marvin 'Rex' Young Post Office Building;" H.R. 988, To designate the Facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5757 Tilton Avenue in Riverside, California, as the "Lieutenant Todd Jason Bryant Post Office;" H.R. 1434, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 896 Pittsburgh Street in Springdale, Pennsylvania, as the "Rachel Carson Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. 88, Honoring the life of Ernest Gallo; H. Con. Res. 71, Commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), a leading association for the Nation's 1.3 million American citizens of Greek Ancestry, and Philhellenes; H. Res. 179, Expressing support for a National Foster Parents

Day; and H. Res. 273, Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Literacy Month, 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Build It and They Will Come: Do Taxpayer-financed Sports Stadiums, Convention Centers and Hotels deliver as promised for America's Cities, 10:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on reauthorizing the National Science Foundation, Part 2, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on JPDO and the Next Generation Air Transportation System: Status and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "The Importance of Patent Reform on Small Businesses," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the FAA's oversight of Outsourced Air Carrier Maintenance, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on The SouthEast Crescent Authority and the Northern Border Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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