

United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMPROPER USE OF NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine the Inspector General's findings of improper use of National Security Letters by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from former Representative Barr; George Christian, Library Connection, Inc., Windsor, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Library Association; and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Bingham Consulting Group, and Peter P. Swire, Center for American Progress, both of Washington, D.C.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the operations and governance of the Smithsonian Institution, focusing on the condition of the Smithsonian's facilities and whether the Smithsonian has taken steps to maximize facility resources, including the current estimated costs of the needed facilities projects, and the extent to which the Smithsonian developed and implemented strategies to fund these projects, after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Roger W. Sant, Patricia Q. Stonesifer, Cristian Samper, and Anne Sprightley Ryan, all of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007, pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 103.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 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 the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the current pet food recall, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine testimony on the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs disability rating systems and the transition of service

members from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine the issue of piracy, focusing on intellectual property theft's impact on America's place in the global economy and strategies for improving enforcement, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine Transportation Workers Identification Credentials (TWIC) implementations, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine S. 987, to enhance the energy security of the United States by promoting biofuels, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine filing federal income tax returns, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine international perspectives on alternative energy policy, focusing on incentives and mandates and their impacts, 2:15 p.m., SD-215.

Full Committee, business meeting to mark up S. 3, to amend part D of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for fair prescription drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries, 6:40 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine closing the gap relating to equal pay for women workers, 2 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine a dialogue on removing obstacles to

the recovery effort, focusing on the Government Accountability Office's analysis of the Gulf Coast recovery, 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider pending calendar business; to be followed immediately by an oversight hearing on Tribal Colleges and Universities, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine 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. 1079, to establish the Star-Spangled Banner and War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission, S. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, 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, S. 735, to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the terrorist hoax statute, S. 236, to require reports to Congress on Federal agency use of data mining, H.R. 740, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent caller ID spoofing, S. Res. 112, designating April 6, 2007, as "National Missing Persons Day", and the nominations of Robert Gideon Howard, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Frederick J. Kapala, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Halil Suleyman

Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, and Benjamin Hale Settle, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington; and the possibility of the issuance of certain subpoenas in connection with the investigation into the replacement of United States Attorneys, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: with the Committee on Armed Services, to hold joint hearings to examine testimony on the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs disability rating systems and the transition of service members from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

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