

ATMOSPHERIC DEPOSITION AND WATER QUALITY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Nonpoint Source Pollution: Atmospheric Deposition and Water Quality. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Arleen O'Donnell, Acting Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Massachusetts; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 67, Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 1435, Department of Veterans Affairs Claims Backlog Reduction Act of 2007; H.R. 1444, To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make interim benefit payments under certain remanded claims; and H.R. 1490, To provide for a presumption of service-connectedness for certain claims for benefits under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Representatives McIntyre, Baca, Donnelly, and Upton; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

PERSONNEL AND SECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Personnel and Security. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine economic challenges and opportunities facing American agricultural producers today, focusing on livestock, poultry and competition issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for maternal and child health, and family planning and reproductive health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, with the Subcommittee on

Personnel, to hold joint hearings to examine the readiness impact of quality of life and family support programs to assist families of Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve military personnel in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine if "Free Trade" is working, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard, to hold oversight hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the United States Coast Guard, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp, Jr. to be Chief of Engineers and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the Administration's plan for reducing the tax gap, focusing on goals, benchmarks, and timetables, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros, Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, and Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, 9:30

p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S.1082, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to reauthorize and amend the prescription drug user fee provisions, and the nominations of Douglas G. Myers, of California, Jeffrey Patchen, of Indiana, Lotsee Patterson, of Oklahoma, all to be Members of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Stephen W. Porter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, and Cynthia Allen Wainscott, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, and promotion lists for the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nomination of Gregory B. Cade, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, Department of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, S-216, Capitol.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine repealing the limitation on party expenditures on behalf of candidates in general elections, 10 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine Public Law 107-204 (Sarbanes Oxley Act) and small business addressing proposed regulatory changes and their impact on capital markets, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to markup the nomination of Thomas E. Harvey, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs), 10 a.m., Room to be announced.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review the economic impacts of production, processing and marketing of organic agricultural products, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, on Army Reset, 10 a.m., and on Army/Marine Corps Personnel Issues, 1:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on GSA, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Public Witnesses (Native Americans), 9:30 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request U.S. Central Command, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Alternative Transportation Fuels: An Overview," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Medicare Program Efficiency and Integrity," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on the Political Situation in Lebanon, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Noproliferation and Trade, and the Subcommittee on Domestic, and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology of the Committee on Financial Services, joint hearing on Isolating Proliferators and Sponsors of Terror: The Use of Sanctions and the International Financial System to Change Regime Behavior, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Can BioShield Effectively Procure Medical Countermeasures that Safeguard the Nation?" 1 p.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to consider the following: a resolution authorizing the Chairman to issue a subpoena to Monica Goodling for testimony and related documents at a hearing before the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent termination of U.S. Attorneys, representations to Congress regarding those circumstances, and related matters; a resolution directing the House General Counsel to apply to a United States district court for an order immunizing from use in prosecutions the testimony of, and related information provided by, Monica Goodling under compulsion at proceedings before or ancillary to the Committee regarding the circumstances surrounding recent terminations of U.S. Attorneys, representations to Congress regarding those

circumstances, and related matters; and pending Committee business, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1294, Thomasina E. Jordan Indian Tribes of Virginia Federal Recognition Act of 2006; and H.R. 65, Lumbee Recognition Act, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to mark up H.R. 401, National Capital Transportation Amendments Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives, hearing on Ensuring Fairness and Accuracy in Elections Involving Electronic Voting Systems, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following bills: H.R.1495, Water Resources Development Act of 2007; and H.R. 363, Sowing the Seeds Through Science and Engineering Research Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, oversight hearing on Proposals to Downsize the Federal Protective Service and Effects on the Protection of Federal Buildings, 10 a.m., and an oversight hearing on Compliance with Requirements of the Coast Guard's Deepwater Contract," 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to mark up H.R. 1642, Homeless Veterans Housing at Sepulveda Ambulatory Care Center Promotion Act; followed by a hearing on H.R. 23, Belated Than You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on access to VA Health Care: How Easy is it for Veterans? Addressing the Gaps, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on All-Source Analysis, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Geopolitical Implications of Rising Oil Dependence and Global Warming," 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Committee on the Library: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, 2:15 p.m., S-115, Capitol.

Joint Committee on Printing: organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing expenditures for committee operations and committee's rules of procedure for the 110th Congress, 2:30 p.m., S-115, Capitol.