

WWII MERCHANT MARINE BENEFITS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on H.R. 23, Belated Thank You to the Merchant Mariners of World War II Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; former Merchant Marine Combat Veterans; and representatives of U.S. Merchant Marine veterans organizations.

VA HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on access to VA Health Care: How Easy is it for Veterans? Addressing the Gaps. Testimony was heard from Marcia Brand, M.D., Associate Administrator, Rural Health Policy, Health Resources Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Gerald Cross, M.D., Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

ALL-SOURCE ANALYSIS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to hold a hearing on All-Source Analysis. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS—RISING OIL DEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Geopolitical Implications of Rising Oil Dependence and Global Warming." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**BUSINESS MEETING**

Joint Committee on the Library: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

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Joint Committee on Printing: Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL 19, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine rising highway fatalities, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

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 for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to receive testimony on the Department of Defense's management of costs under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program (LOGCAP) contract in Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SR-222 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine United States competitiveness through basic research, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine grains, cane, and automobiles relating to tax incentives for alternative fuels and vehicles, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the impact of global warming on private and federal insurance, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the current state of the Postal Service along with the efforts underway to implement the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (Public Law 109-435), 2 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine bioidentical hormones, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research, hearing to review USDA Farm Bill conservation programs, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Food Safety and Inspection Service, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Special Operations—Command, 1:30 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Members of Congress and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., and on Public witnesses, 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on GAO, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, on Public Diplomacy and Broadcasting Programs, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Budget Request, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance capabilities, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to continue hearings entitled "Digital Future of the United States: Part III: Spectrum Opportunities and the Future of Wireless," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007: H.R. 1852, to modernize and update the National Housing Act and enable the Federal Housing Administration to use risk-based pricing to more effectively reach underserved borrowers; and related FHA Modernization Issues, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, to mark up the following resolutions: H.Res. 243, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Father Nguyen Van Ly, Nguyen Van Dai, Le Thi Cong Nhan, and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; H. Res. 272, Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade; and H. Con. Res. 7, Calling on the League of Arab States to acknowledge the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan and to step up their efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur; followed by a hearing on Current Situation in Darfur, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science Technology, hearing entitled "Cyber Insecurity: Hackers are Penetrating Federal Systems and Critical Infrastructure," 1 p.m., 1539 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Addressing the Department of Homeland Security's Morale Crisis," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled "Airport Security: The Necessary Improvements to Secure America's Airports," 11:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on Federal Judicial Compensation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on Shortfalls of 1986 Immigration Reform Legislation, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Renewable Energy Opportunities and Issues on Federal Lands: Review of Title II, Subtitle B—Geothermal Energy of EPAct; and other renewable programs and proposals for public resources, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, oversight hearing on Current Economic, Social and Security Conditions of the

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Natural Parks, Forests and Public Lands, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 359, Cesar Estrada Chavez Study Act; H.R. 713, Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 986, Eightmile Wild and Scenic River Act, H.R. 1080, Grand Teton National Park Extension Act of 2007; H.R. 1100, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site Boundary Revision Act of 2007; and a measure expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located at 2820 Rungius Road, Jackson, Wyoming, shall be designated as the National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 487, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Equitable Compensation Amendments Act of 2007; H.R. 1114, Alaska Water Resources Act of 2007; and H.R. 1140, South Orange County Recycled Water Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1870, Contractor Tax Enforcement Act; and H.R. 1865, to amend title 31, United States Code, to allow certain local tax debt to be collected through the reduction of Federal tax funds, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science, to mark up a measure to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the National Science Foundation, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, to mark up the Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Expanding Small Businesses' Access to Federal Contracts," 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on High-Speed Rail Systems, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Nonpoint Source Pollution: The Impact of Agriculture on Water Quality, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on State Approving Agencies, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Surgical Services at the W.G. (Bill) Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures, hearing on Energy and Tax Policy, 2 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on National Clandestine Service/Human Intelligence, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.