

OVERSIGHT—FEMA'S PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on FEMA's Preparedness and Response to All Hazards. Testimony was heard from VADM Harvey Johnson, USCG (Ret.) Deputy Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

VETERANS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 92, Veterans' Timely Access Health Care Act; H.R. 315, Help Establish Access to Local Timely Healthcare for Your Veterans (Healthy Vets) Act of 2007; H.R. 339, Veterans' Outpatient Care Access Act of 2007; H.R. 463, Honor Our Commitment to Veterans Act; H.R. 538, South Texas Veterans' Access to Care Act of 2007; H.R. 542, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mental health services in languages other than English, as needed, for veterans with limited English proficiency; H.R. 1426, Richard Helm Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options and Resources; H.R. 1470, Chiropractic Care Available to All Veterans Act; H.R. 1471, Better Access to Chiropractors to Keep Our Veterans' Health Act (BACK Veterans' Health Act); H.R. 1527, Rural Veterans' Access to Care Act; and a draft discussion on the Rural Health Care bill and a proposed TBI bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Filner; and Representatives Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida; Pearce, Rothman, Ortiz, Solis, Latham, Moran of Kansas and Altmire; Gerald M. Cross, Acting Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

POVERTY REDUCTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support held a hearing on Poverty Reduction. Testimony was heard from Linda Gibbs, Deputy Mayor, Health and Human Services, City of New York; and public witnesses.

R&D AND SYSTEMS ACQUISITION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on R&D and Systems Acquisition. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

DANGEROUS CLIMATE CHANGE

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Dangerous Climate Change." Testimony was heard from James

Hansen, Director, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, NASA; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

Joint Economic Committee: On April 5, 2007, Committee adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of April 30 through May 5, 2007

Senate Chamber

On Monday, at 4:15 p.m. Senate will begin consideration of S. 1082, Prescription Drug User Fee Amendments.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 1, to hold hearings to examine conservation policy recommendations for the farm bill, 2 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: May 1, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for United States Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for global health, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

May 2, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for defense intelligence, 10:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

May 2, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the government of the District of Columbia, focusing on federally-funded entities, 3 p.m., SD-192.

May 3, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Office of the Secretary of the Senate and the Library of Congress, 10 a.m., SD-124.

May 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Equal Employment Opportunity, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 3, Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: May 1, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense transportation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

May 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the United States Central Command 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 S-407 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

May 3, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold closed hearings to examine Navy force structure requirements and programs to meet those requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2008 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by an open session in SR-222, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 30, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine Halliburton and United States business ties to Iran, 2 p.m., SR-253.

May 1, Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine improving air service to small and rural communities, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 1, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine Electronic On-Board Recorders (EOBR's) and truck driver fatigue reduction, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 2, Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism, to hold hearings to examine United States trade relations with China, 9:15 a.m., SR-253.

May 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 3, Subcommittee on Water and Power, to hold hearings to examine S. 27, to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement, 10 a.m., SD-366.

May 3, Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 390, to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, S. 647, to designate certain land in the State of Oregon as wilderness, S. 1139, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, H.R. 276, to designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and the surrounding public land as an Outstanding Natural Area to be administered as a part of the National Landscape Conservation System, and for other purposes, H.R. 356, to remove certain restrictions on the Mammoth Community Water District's ability to use certain property acquired by that District from the United States, S. 205, to grant rights-

of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska, and H.R. 865, to grant rights-of-way for electric transmission lines over certain Native allotments in the State of Alaska, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: May 1, Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine advanced technology vehicles, focusing on the road ahead, 10 a.m., SD-215.

May 2, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Medicare prescription drug benefit, focusing on monitoring early experiences, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 1, to hold hearings to examine No Child Left Behind Reauthorization, focusing on measuring progress and supporting effective interventions, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: April 30, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the Federal government's role in empowering Americans to make informed financial decisions, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

May 1, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Howard Charles Weizmann, of Maryland, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

May 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Internet as a portal to violent Islamist extremism, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 3, to hold hearings to examine S. 310, a bill to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States' relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, 9:30 p.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 1, to hold hearings to examine process patents, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 2, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the security of international travel documents, focusing on interrupting terrorist travel, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 3, Full Committee, 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. 221, to amend title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to livestock and poultry contracts, S. 495, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, S. 239, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing sensitive personally identifiable information, to disclose any breach of such information, S. 1202, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, and the nominations of

Debra Ann Livingston, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Roslynn Renee Mauskopf, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Richard Sullivan, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, and Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 1, to hold hearings to examine the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Public Law 95-511), 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

May 3, Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: May 2, to hold hearings to examine the Nursing Home Reform Act (Public Law 100-203), focusing on what has been accomplished and what challenges still remain, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, May 1, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the crop insurance industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

May 1, Subcommittee on Specialty Crops, Rural Development, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on review of rural broadband programs operated by the USDA's Rural Utilities Service, 1 p.m., 1302 Longworth.

May 2, full Committee, hearing on review of the USDA's release of program beneficiaries' Social Security numbers and the Department's information systems, generally, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, April 30, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Missile Defense Agency, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 30, Subcommittee on Select Intelligence Oversight Panel, executive, on Defense Intelligence Agency, 5 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 1, Subcommittee on Defense, on Health Personnel Overview, 10 a.m., and on Preventative Medicine and Cancers Programs, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 1, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Public Witnesses, 1:30 p.m., H-144 Capitol.

May 2, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies Appropriations, on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 9:30 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Defense, on Defense Health Program Overview, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 3, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Mobility Aircraft, 10 a.m., and on Joint Strike Fighter and Tactical Aircraft, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, May 2, Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, to mark up H.R. 1585, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, April 30, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on "Paying For a College Education: Barriers and Solutions for Students and Families," 1:30 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Retirement Security: Strengthening Pension Protections, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Achieving—At Long Last—Appliance Efficiency Standards," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 1014, Heart Disease Education, Analysis Research, and Treatment for Women Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 20, Melanie Blocker-Stokes Postpartum Depression Research and Care Act, 12 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 1902, Protecting Consumer Access to Generic Drugs Act of 2007, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Assessing the Impact of a Safe and Equitable Biosimilar Policy in the United States," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Facilitating the Transition to a Smart Electric Grid," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "2006 Prudhoe Bay Shutdown: Will Recent Regulatory Changes and BP Management Reforms Prevent Future Failures?" 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 1, to consider the following bills: H.R. 698, Industrial Bank Holding Company Act of 2007; and H.R. 1852, Expanding American Homeownership Act of 2007, 4 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, May 1, hearing on the Future of Political, Economic and Security Relations with China, 12:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, joint hearing on Do the United States and Europe Need A Missile Defense System? 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, joint hearing on Arab Opinion on American Policies, Values, and People, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, May 1, hearing entitled "The Direction and Viability of the Federal Protective Service," 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, May 2, meeting of the Ad Hoc Election Panel to discuss matters pertaining to the Contested Election in the 13th Congressional District of Florida, 10 a.m., 1309 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 1, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to consider issuing subpoenas to James Comey; followed by a hearing on the Second Anniversary of the Enactment of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005: Are Consumers Really Being Protected Under the Act: 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1525, Internet Spyware (I-SPY) Prevention Act of 2007, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 1, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on An Examination of Point Systems as a Method for Selecting Immigrants, 3 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 3, Antitrust Task Force, to consider the findings and recommendations of the Antitrust Modernization Commission, as established by the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, 1:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to continue hearings on the Continuing Investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 660, Court Security Improvement Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on the U.S. Economy, U.S. Workers, and Immigration Reform, 3 p.m., 2137 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, May 1, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources and the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, joint oversight hearing on The Future of Fossil Fuels: Geological and Terrestrial Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 1, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Gone with Wind: Impacts of Wind Turbines on Birds and Bats, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 3, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as a precursor to the Conference of the Parties, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, May 1, hearing on FDA's Critical Mission and Challenges for the Future, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 2, full committee, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 2, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Evaluating Children's Dentistry Under Medicaid, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 3, full Committee, hearing on Crop Insurance, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, May 1, to consider the following: H.R. 1429, Improving Head Start Act of 2007; H.R. 1867, National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 1868, Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, May 2, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Space Science Programs: Review of Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request and Issues, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Reorienting the U.S. Global Change Research Program Toward a User-Driven Research Endeavor, H.R. 906, Global Change Research Data Management Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on Transitioning the Environmental Measurements Laboratory to the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 3, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on The SouthEast Crescent Authority, The Northern Border Economic Development Commission, and the Southwest Regional Border Authority, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 3, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Accelerated Education Benefits for Veterans, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 1, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing to examine the SSA's ability to hire Administrative Law Judges to address the growing disability claims backlog, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

May 3, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on financial assistance programs for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 1, executive, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2008 Intelligence Authorization Act, time to be announced, H-405 Capitol.