

**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.

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

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

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**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.