

## COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the Challenges Facing the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Testimony was heard from William P. Greene, Jr., Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; James P. Terry, Chairman, Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

## MEDICARE FEE-FOR-SERVICE PLANS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare Advantage Private Fee-For-Service Plans. Testimony was heard from Abby L. Block, Center for Beneficiary Choice, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Sean Dilweg, Commissioner of Insurance, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

## GLOBAL WARMING—ECONOMIC IMPACTS

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled "Economic Impacts of Global Warming: Green Collar Jobs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### GAO REFORMS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a joint hearing with the House Subcommittee on the Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia to examine Government Accountability Office Personnel reforms, focusing on expectations, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Ann Wagner, General Counsel, Personnel Appeals Board, Ronald Stroman, Managing Director, Office of Opportunity and Inclusiveness, Office of the General Counsel, Barry J. Seltser, former Director, Center for Design, Newton, Massachusetts, and Janice M. Reece, former General Council, Upper Marlboro, Maryland, all of the Government Accountability Office; Curtis Copeland, and Jon Shimabukuro, both of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Jane K. Weizmann, Watson Wyatt Worldwide, Arlington, Virginia; Charles H. Fay, Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations, Piscataway, New Jersey; Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, Washington, D.C.; and Greg Junemann, International

Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, closed business meeting to markup those provisions which fall under the subcommittee's jurisdiction of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 11:30 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to markup the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Security and International Trade and Finance, to hold hearings to examine United States economic relations with China, focusing on strategies and options on exchange rates and market access, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine communications, taxation and federalism, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* business meeting to consider S. 126, to modify the boundary of Mesa Verde National Park, S. 175, to provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District, S. 324, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources in the State of New Mexico, S. 542, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages within the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in the State of Idaho, S. 553, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain segments of the Eightmile River in the State of Connecticut as components of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. Con. Res. 6, expressing the sense of Congress that the National Museum of Wildlife Art, located in Jackson, Wyoming, should be designated as the "National Museum of Wildlife Art of the United States", S. 580, to amend the National Trails System Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to update the feasibility and suitability studies of four national historic trails, S. 637, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Chattahoochee Trace National Heritage Corridor in Alabama and Georgia, S. 686, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historical Trail, S. 797, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail, S. 890, to provide for certain administrative and support services for the Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, S. 1037, to authorize the Secretary

of the Interior to assist in the planning, design, and construction of the Tumalo Irrigation District Water Conservation Project in Deschutes County, Oregon, S. 1110, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for the conjunctive use of surface and ground water in Juab County, Utah, S. 1139, to establish the National Landscape Conservation System, S. 1152, to promote wildland firefighter safety, S. 1281, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain rivers and streams of the headwaters of the Snake River System as additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, H.R. 161, to adjust the boundary of the Minidoka Internment National Monument to include the Nidoto Nai Yoni Memorial in Bainbridge Island, Washington, H.R. 235, to allow for the renegotiation of the payment schedule of contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and the Redwood Valley County Water District, H.R. 247, to designate a Forest Service trail at Waldo Lake in the Willamette National Forest in the State of Oregon as a national recreation trail in honor of Jim Weaver, a former Member of the House of Representatives, 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. 376, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes, H.R. 482, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of the American River Pump Station Project, and certain other pending calendar business and nominations, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine funding Social Security's administrative costs, focusing on the budget resolution, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs, to hold hearings to examine rising crime in the United States, focusing on the federal role in helping communities prevent and respond to violent crime, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1257, to provide the District of Columbia a voting seat and the State of Utah an additional seat in the House of Representatives, focusing on ending taxation without representation, 1:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine health care legislation, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2008, 11 a.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2008, 3 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to consider the following: H.R. 180, Darfur Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007; H.R. 2347, Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2007; H.R. 1851, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007; H.R. 1980, Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1982, Rural Housing and Economic Development Act of 2007; HR. 2139, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2007; and pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* to mark up the following legislation: H.R. 885, International Nuclear Fuel for Peace and Nonproliferation Act 2007; Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2007; International Climate Cooperation Re-Engagement Act of 2007; S. 676, To provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation; H. Con. Res. 21, Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United National Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel; H. Con. Res. 80, Calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community; H. Res. 137, Honoring the life and six decades of public service of Jacob Birnbaum and especially his commitment freeing Soviet Jews from religious, cultural and communal extinction; H. Res. 233, Recognizing over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States continue to strengthen its relationship with that country; H. Res. 295, Recognizing the strong alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States and expressing appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its efforts in the global war against terrorism; a resolution relating to the 40th anniversary of the Six Day War and the reunification of the City of Jerusalem; H. Res. 395, Supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic movement; H. Res. 397, Condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia; H. Res. 412, Expressing gratitude to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and reaffirming the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom; H. Res. 418, Recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, D.C., and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean; and a resolution calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on U.S. Assistance to the Palestinians, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled “Reducing Threats to Our Nation’s Agriculture: Authorizing a Bio and Agro-Defense Facility,” 1 p.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, hearing to continue investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy and Related Matters, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to continue hearings on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Becoming Americans—U.S. Immigrant Integration, 5:30 p.m., 2226 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, hearing on the Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, hearing on Achievements and Opportunities for Climate Protection under the Montreal Protocol, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing on Weaponizing Space: Is Current U.S. Policy Protecting Our National Security? 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 2316, Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, to consider the following: H.R. 364, To provide for the establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy; H.R. 1467, 10,000 Trained by 2010 Act; H.R. 1716, Green

Energy Education Act of 2007; and H.R. 632, H-Prize Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2359, SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs Act of 2007; H.R. 2366, SBA Veterans’ Programs Act of 2007; H.R. 2284, To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians; H.R. 2397, SBA Women’s Business Programs Act of 2007; and H.R. 2389, Small Energy Efficient Businesses Act, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to consider the following: H.R. 2011, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the “George Howard, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse;” H. Res. 400, Expressing the sympathy of the House of Representative to the citizens of Greensburg, Kansas, over the devastating tornado of May 4, 2007; General Services Administration Capital Investment Resolutions; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions, and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, hearing on IRS’s Private Debt Collection, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee*: to hold hearings to examine the United States petroleum industry, focusing on potentially harmful conditions for consumers, 10 a.m., SH-216.