

Commerce; Wesley S. Scholz, Director, Office of Investment Affairs, Department of State; and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, and Janice Lucchesi, Organization for International Investment, both of Washington, D.C.

FEDERAL ACQUISITION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine federal acquisition and contracting, focusing on ways to strengthen competition and accountability, including S. 680, to ensure proper oversight and accountability in Federal contracting, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Marcia G. Madsen, Mayer Brown Rowe and Maw, LLP, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Acquisition Advisory Panel; and Stan Soloway, Professional Services Council, Arlington, Virginia.

CENSUS BUREAU

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine the readiness of the Census Bureau for the 2010 census, after receiving testimony from Charles Louis Kincannon, Director, United States Census Bureau; Mathew J. Scire, Director, Strategic Issues, and David A. Powner, Director, Information Technology, both of the Government Accountability Office; Andrew Reamer, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Maurice P. McTigue, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia.

ALZHEIMER'S

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Retirement and Aging concluded a hearing to examine the federal response and advances being made toward defeating the epidemic of Alzheimer's disease, after receiving testimony from Elias A. Zerhouni, Director, and Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute on Aging, both of the National Institutes of Health, Julie L. Gerberding, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Andrew C. von Eschenbach, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services.

PROSECUTION OF BORDER PATROL AGENTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the prosecution of Border Patrol agents Ignacio Ramos and Jose Compean, after receiving testimony from Representatives Hunter and Rohrabacher; Luis Barker, former Chief Patrol

Agent, El Paso Border Patrol Sector, and David V. Aguilar, Chief, both of the Office of Border Patrol, United States Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Johnny Sutton, United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas, Department of Justice; T.J. Bonner, AFL-CIO, Campo, California; and David L. Botsford, Austin, Texas.

On Wednesday, July 18, 2007, the following occurred:

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine increasing government accountability and ensuring fairness in small business contracting, after receiving testimony from Paul Hsu, Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, United States Small Business Administration; Anthony Martoccia, Director, Office of Small Business Programs, Department of Defense; Patricia Rice, Maine Procurement Technical Assistance Center, Bangor; Todd McCracken, National Small Business Association, Washington, D.C.; Magdalah Silva, DMS International, Inc., Silver Spring, Maryland; and Ronald Newlan, HUBZone Contractors National Council, Rockville, Maryland.

ABUSE OF THE ELDERLY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine abuse of elderly citizens, focusing on prevention methods, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Fridman, Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General and Special Counsel for Health Care Fraud, Department of Justice; Gregory E. Demske, Office of Counsel to the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Paul R. Greenwood, San Diego District Attorney's Office, San Diego, California; Beverley Laubert, National Association of State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Programs, and Robert Blancato, Elder Justice Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; Daniel Reingold, The Hebrew Home for the Aged at Riverdale, Riverdale, New York; and Jennifer Coldren, Rome, New York.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D975)

S. 1701, to provide for the extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA) and the abstinence education program through the end of fiscal year 2007. Signed on July 18, 2007. (Public Law 110-48)