

ELECTION POLL WORKERS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on The Importance of Poll Workers: Best Practices and Recommendations. Testimony was heard from Michael Mauro, Secretary of State, Iowa; Lance Gough, Executive Director, Board of Election Commission, Chicago, Illinois; and public witnesses.

INDIAN TRIBAL FEDERAL RECOGNITION ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held a hearing on H.R. 2837, Indian Tribal Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Shays; Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ENERGY STORAGE TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Energy Storage Technologies: State of Development for Stationary and Vehicular Applications. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNET TAX MORATORIUM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Internet Tax Moratorium. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA—FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Held a hearing on Funding the VA of the Future. Testimony was heard from W. Paul Kearns III, Chief Financial Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis, and Counter Intelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee heard testimony from departmental witnesses.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2007**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to mark up the Farm Bill for 2007, 5 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: business meeting to consider the nominations of John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Douglas A. Brook, of California, to

be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Robert L. Smolen, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the regulation and supervision of industrial loan companies, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the security of our nation's seaports, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety, to hold hearings to examine S. 2045, to reform the Consumer Product Safety Commission to provide greater protection for children's products, to improve the screening of noncompliant consumer products, to improve the effectiveness of consumer product recall programs, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, "The Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2007", and legislation implementing the U.S.-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement, 2 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine united Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, with Annexes, done at Montego Bay, December 10, 1982 (the "Convention"), and the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, with Annex, adopted at New York, July 28, 1994 (the Agreement"), and signed by the United States, subject to ratification, on July 29, 1994 (Treaty Doc.103-39), 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine forestalling the coming pandemic, focusing on infectious disease surveillance overseas, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the backlogs at the Department of the Interior, focusing on land in to trust application, environmental impact statements, probate, and appraisals and lease approvals, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1640, to amend chapter 13 of title 17, United States Code (relating to the vessel hull design protection), to clarify the definitions of a hull and a deck, S. 2035, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. Res. 326, supporting the goals and ideals of a National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims, H. Con. Res. 193, recognizing all hunters across the United States for their continued commitment to safety, and the nominations of Thomas P. O'Brien, to be United States Attorney for the Central District of California, Edward Meacham Yarbrough, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee, and Robert M. Dow, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review the labor needs of American agriculture, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the role of the Department of Defense in Provincial Reconstruction Teams in Afghanistan and Iraq, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Issues in Federal Government Financial Liabilities: Commercial Nuclear Waste, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on H.R. 3185, 401 (k) Fair Disclosure for Retirement Security Act of 2007, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Environmental Justice and Toxics Release Inventory Report Program: Communities Have a Right To Know," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Germs, Viruses, and Secrets: The Silent Proliferation of Bio-Laboratories in the United States," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, to hold a hearing entitled "Reauthorization of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Counternarcotics Strategy and Police Training in Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Beyond Our Borders: Examining the Status of Counterterrorism Coordination Overseas," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 3609, Emergency Home Ownership and Mortgage Equity Protection Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on H.R. 3195, ADA Restoration Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, hearing on Detention and Removal: Immigration Detainee Medical Care, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following

bills: H.R. 1464, Great Cats and Rare Canids Act of 2007; and H.R. 1771, Crane Conservation Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Assessing the State of Iraqi Corruption; followed by a markup of the following measures: H.R. 3572, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4320 Blue Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri, as the "Wallace S. Hartfield Post Office Building;" H. Con. Res. Supporting the goal and ideals of National Women's Friendship Day; H. Res. 588, Recognizing Martha Coffin Wright on the 200th anniversary of her birth and her induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame; H. Res. 630, Congratulating the Warner Robins Little League Baseball Team from Warner Robins, Georgia, on winning the 2007 Little League World Series Championship; H. Res. 654, Congratulating the Phoenix Mercury for winning the 2007 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship; a resolution Commending Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre for the National Football League record for the most career touchdown passes; S. 1896, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Central Street in Hillsborough, New Hampshire, as the "Officer Jeremy Todd Charron Post Office;" and H. Res. 687, Celebrating the 90th birthday of Reverend Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, and honoring his contributions to higher education, the Catholic Church, and the advancement of the humanitarian mission, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, to continue hearings on The Globalization of R&D and Innovation: How do Companies Choose Where to Build R&D Facilities, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on SBA Contracting Programs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on VA Research Programs, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade and the Subcommittee on Oversight, joint hearing on import safety, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, executive, to consider pending business, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the cost of mass incarceration in the United States, 10 a.m., SH-216.