

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUBPOENA ISSUANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies approved authorizing a subpoena for the testimony of Robert E. Murray, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Murray Energy, Inc., related to the Crandall Canyon Mine Disaster in Utah.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Douglas A. Brook, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy, John J. Young, Jr., of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, who was introduced by Senators Stevens and Inouye, and Robert L. Smolen, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INDUSTRIAL LOAN COMPANIES

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the regulation and supervision of industrial loan companies, financial institutions in the United States that lend money, and may be owned by non-financial institutions, after receiving testimony from Scott G. Alvarez, General Counsel, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; John F. Bovenzi, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy to the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Scott M. Polakoff, Senior Deputy Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury; Erik Sirri, Director, Division of Market Regulation, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; G. Edward Leary, Utah Commissioner of Financial Institutions, Salt Lake City; Edward L. Yingling, American Bankers Association, Arthur E. Wilmarth, Jr., George Washington University Law School, and Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Marc E. Lackritz, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, New York, New York; Brigid Kelly, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, Monroe, Ohio; and Jagjit Singh, Transportation Alliance Bank, Ogden, Utah, on behalf of the Utah Association of Financial Services.

NATION'S SEAPORTS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the security of our nation's seaports, focusing on the SAFE

Port Act (Public Law 109-347), after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral David Pekoske, Assistant Commandant for Operations, United States Coast Guard, Maurine Fanguy, Program Director, Transportation Security Administration, and Thomas S. Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), all of the Department of Homeland Security; Stephen L. Caldwell, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Anthony Coscia, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, New York, New York.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION REFORM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Senator Durbin; Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chairman, and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner, both of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission; Edmund Mierzwinski, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, Travis Plunkett, Consumer Federation of America, Alan Korn, Safe Kids USA, and Joseph M. McGuire, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, all of Washington, D.C.; and Al Thompson, Retail Industry Leaders Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

An original bill entitled, "The Heartland, Habitat, Harvest, and Horticulture Act of 2007"; and

A bill to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement.

LAW OF THE SEA TREATY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the 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), after receiving testimony from Admiral Vernon

Clark, USN (Ret.), former Chief of Naval Operations, Phoenix, Arizona; Bernard H. Oxman, University of Miami School of Law, Miami, Florida; Frank J. Gaffney, Jr., Center for Security Policy, Fred Smith, Competitive Enterprise Institute, and Joseph J. Cox, Chamber of Shipping of America, all of Washington, D.C.; Paul L. Kelly, Rowan Companies, Inc., Houston, Texas, on behalf of sundry organizations; and Douglas R. Burnett, North American Submarine Cable Association (NASCA), New York, New York.

OVERSEAS INFECTIOUS DISEASE SURVEILLANCE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine forestalling the coming pandemic, focusing on infectious disease surveillance overseas including the obligations, goals, and activities of these programs, and the United States agencies' monitoring of the programs' progress, after receiving testimony from David Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Ray Arthur, Director, Global Disease Detection Operations Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Kimothy Smith, Acting Director, National Bio-surveillance Integration Center, Chief Scientist, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Colonel Ralph L. Erickson, USA, Director, Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance and Response System, Department of Defense; Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development; Nathan Flesness, International Species Information System, Apple Valley, Minnesota; Daniel A. Janies, The Ohio State University Department of Biomedical Informatics, Columbus; and James M. Wilson, Georgetown University Imaging Science and Information Systems Center, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BACKLOGS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the backlogs at the Department of the Interior, focusing on land into trust applications, environmental impact statements, probate, and appraisals and lease approvals, after receiving testimony from Carl J. Artman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Ron His

Horse Is Thunder, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota; William R. Rhodes, Gila River Indian Community, Sacaton, Arizona; Frank Bigelow, Madera County, Madera, California; Douglas Nash, Seattle University School of Law Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate, Seattle, Washington; and Robert Chicks, Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, Bowler, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Congress of American Indians.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

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, with amendments;

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.

HOMETOWN HEROES SURVIVORS BENEFITS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Hometown Heroes Survivors Benefits Act, (Public Law 108-182) and S. 459, to require that health plans provide coverage for a minimum hospital stay for mastectomies, lumpectomies, and lymph node dissection for the treatment of breast cancer and coverage for secondary consultations, after receiving testimony from Domingo S. Herraiz, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; Athena Schwantes, National Fallen Firefighter's Foundation, Fayetteville, Georgia; Jo Ann Tilton, Katy, Texas; and Susan Falkouski, Rensselaer, New York.