

Commissioner, Disability and Income Security Programs, SSA; Michelle D. LaRock, Deputy Director, Program Development, Division of veterans' Affairs, State of New York; and public witnesses.

### BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation, to hold hearings to examine science parks, focusing on bolstering United States competitiveness, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine lead and children's health, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine international trade, focusing on import health and safety for today and the future, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*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 politics in government, focusing on the scope and enforcement of the Hatch Act, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 3 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to continue hearings to examine the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey, of New York, to be Attorney General, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to mark up pending intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture,* hearing to review structural changes that are taking place in the agricultural economy and their impacts, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on measuring and increasing the effectiveness of Provincial Reconstruction Teams, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget,* hearing on the Tax Code and Health Insurance Coverage, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* to mark up the following bills: H.R., 3796, Early Warning and Health

Care for Workers Affected by Globalization Act; and H.R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* hearing on International Trafficking in Persons: Taking Action to Eliminate Modern Day Slavery, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight and the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, joint hearing on Rendition To Torture: The Case of Maher Arar, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Task Force on Antitrust and Competition Policy, hearing on the Impact of our Antitrust Laws on Community Pharmacies and Their Patients, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on International Piracy: The Challenges of Protecting Intellectual Property in the 21st Century, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* to mark up H.R. 2262, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2007, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 1975, Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* hearing on Black Carbon and the Arctic, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing on Technology for Secure Identity Documents, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business,* to mark up the following: The Small Business Programs Act of 2007; and the Small Business Contracting Program Improvements Act, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* hearing on the 35th Anniversary of the Clean Water Act: Successes and Future Challenges, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs,* Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Updating the Montgomery G.I. Bill, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Care Professionals—Recruitment and Retention, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming,* hearing entitled "Energy and Global Warming Solutions for Vulnerable Communities," 11 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Select Committee To Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007,* briefing on Voting in the House of Representatives—The Rostrum and the Electronic Voting System: A Walkthrough by the Clerk of the House, 8 a.m., House Floor.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* to hold hearings to examine a parliamentary perspective of challenges facing today's Europe, 9:30 a.m., B-318 RHOB.