

WATER USAGE EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGIES

Committee on Science and Technology; Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Research to Improve Water-Use Efficiency and Conservation: Technologies and Practices. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3495, Kids in Disasters Well-being, Safety, and Health Act of 2007; H.R. 3986, John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 3315, To provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as Emancipation Hall; and H.R. 3712, amended, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the “James M. and Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse.

RETIREMENT PLAN FEES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Appropriateness of Retirement Plan Fees. Testimony was heard from Bradford P. Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor; W. Thomas Reeder, Benefits Tax Counsel, Office of Tax Policy, Department of the Treasury; Andrew J. Donohue, Director, Division of Investment Management, SEC; Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine climate disclosure, focusing on measuring financial risks and opportunities, 2:30 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine S. 2063, to establish a Bipartisan Task Force for Responsible Fiscal Action, to assure the economic security of the United States, and to expand future prosperity and growth for all Americans, 9 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the licensing process for the Yucca Mountain Repository, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider S. Res. 334, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the degradation of the Jordan River and the

Dead Sea and welcoming cooperation between the peoples of Israel, Jordan, and Palestine, 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), convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and accompanying Protocol, signed on November 27, 2006, at Brussels (the “proposed Treaty”) (Treaty Doc. 110-03), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income signed at Copenhagen May 2, 2006 (the “Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 109-19), protocol Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Finland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed at Helsinki May 31, 2006 (the “Protocol”) (Treaty Doc. 109-18), protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and the Federal Republic of Germany for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income and Capital and to Certain Other Taxes, Signed on August 29, 1989, signed at Berlin June 1, 2006 (the “Protocol”), along with a related Joint Declaration (Treaty Doc. 109-20), and the nominations of Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be an Under Secretary of State (Management), Sean R. Mulvaney, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine post-catastrophe crisis, focusing on addressing the dramatic need and scant availability of mental health care in the Gulf Coast, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) amendments, focusing on ways to protect Americans’ security and privacy while preserving the rule of law and government accountability, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA), 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing on Capitol Visitor Center Oversight, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, to mark up H.R. 2768, Supplemental Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and The Internet, to continue hearings entitled "Status of the DTV Transition—Part 3," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 3873, Section 515 Rural Housing Property Transfer Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3959, To amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to provide for the phase-in of actuarial rates for certain pre-FIRM properties; H.R. 3965, Mark-to-Mark Extension and Enhancement Act of 2007; H.R. 3703, To amend section 5112 (p)(1)(A) of title 31, United States Code, to allow an exception for the \$1 coin dispensing capability requirement for certain vending machines; and H.R. 3956, Coin Modernization and Taxpayer Savings Act of 2007, 10 A.M., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on The Mexico City Policy/Global Gag Rule: Its Impact on Family Planning and Reproductive Health, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on the Activities of the Department of State's Office of the Inspector General, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Homeland Security: TWIC Failures: TWIC Examined," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, to mark up H.R. 2631, Nuclear Forensics and Attribution Act, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology and the Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection, joint hearing entitled "Enhancing and Implementing the Cybersecurity Elements of the Sector Specific Plans," 2:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Combating Modern Slavery: Reauthorization of Anti-Trafficking Programs, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, hearing on H.R. 2801, Izembek and Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuges and Wil-

derness Enhancement and King Cove Safe Access Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on Oil and Gas Development: Exemptions in Health and Environmental Protections, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Aviation Safety: Can NASA Do More To Protect the Public? 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Research on Environmental and Safety Impacts of Nanotechnology: Current Status of Planning and Implementation under the National Nanotechnology Initiative, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled "Competitive Bidding for Durable Medical Equipment: Will Small Suppliers Be Able To Compete? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to consider the following: the National Highway Bridge Reconstruction and Inspection Act of 2007; H.R. 3495, Kids in Disasters Well-being, Safety, and Health Act of 2007; the John F. Kennedy Center Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.R. 2537, Beach Protection Act of 2007; the Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007; H.R. 3315, To provide that the great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known as the Emancipation Hall; H.R. 3712, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo Ohio, as the "James M. and Thomas W. L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse; H. Res. 661, Honoring the accomplishments of Barrington Antonio Irving, the youngest pilot and first person of African descent ever to fly solo around the world; H. Res. 772, Recognizing the American Highway Users Alliance on the occasion of its 75th anniversary; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

November 1, Subcommittee on Highway and Transit, hearing on Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 3688, United State-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., and executive, briefing on DNI Personnel, 10 a.m., and executive; a briefing on CIA, H-405 Capitol.