

VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2009. Testimony was heard from James B. Peake, M.D., Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on President Bush's Budget Proposals for Fiscal Year 2009. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

WORLDWIDE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on Worldwide Threats. Testimony was heard from J. Michael McConnell, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Michael V. Hayden, Director, CIA; LTG Michael Maples, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; Robert Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; Charlie Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Randall M. Fort, Assistant Secretary, Intelligence and Research, Department of State.

Joint Meetings

COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM (PART II)

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings to examine anti-Semitism in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, after receiving testimony from Gregg Rickman, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, Department of State; Felice D. Gaer, Commissioner, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom; Andrew Baker, American Jewish Committee, Mark Levin, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Stacy Burdett, Anti-Defamation League, all of Washington, D.C.; and Marvin Hier, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, California.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Negative Implications of the President's Signing Statement on

the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on the November 26 Declaration of Principles: Implications for UN Resolutions on Iraq and for Congressional Oversight, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Election Task Force, GAO briefing on the findings in the Investigation into the FL-13 Congressional District Contested Election, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on Voter Suppression, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Military Base Realignment: Contracting Opportunities for Impacted Communities," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Government Accountability Office's Review of the Federal Protective Service: Preliminary Findings," 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, February 12. Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Wildland Fire Management Oversight, 10 a.m., B-308 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on USDA Secretary Edward Schaefer, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Defense, on DOD Budget Overview with Secretary Robert Gates, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn and, on United States Marine Corps Readiness, 2 p.m., 140-Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Management Challenges—Inspector General and GAO, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., B 308 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Implications of Economic Trends for Workers, Families, and the Nation, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, 9:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on NRCS Under Secretary Mark Rey, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization, 10 a.m., and, on Army Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H 140 Capitol.

February 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Waste Development, and Related Agencies, Overview hearing on Vehicle Technology and Gas Prices, 10 a.m., 2362–B Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Land Border Enforcement, 10 a.m., 2358–A Rayburn, and on Land Border Enforcement, 1:30 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, Overview hearing on Opportunities Lost and Costs to Society: The Social and Economic Burden of Disease, Injuries, and Disability, 10 a.m., and an Overview hearing on Opportunities Lost and Costs to Society: The Social and Economic Burden of Inadequate Education, Training and Workforce Development, 2 p.m., 2358–C Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on House of Representatives Budget, 10 a.m., H–144 Capitol.

February 14, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., and 1:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, February 13, hearing on Global Security Assessment, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on Readiness at Risk: Department of Defense Security Clearance Processes, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 14, full Committee, hearing on Implications for Our Strategic Posture, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Provincial Reconstruction Teams: A Case for Interagency National Security Reform? 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 15, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the status of the implementation of the Army's medical action plan and other services' support for wounded servicemembers, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, February 13, hearing on Treasury Department Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 15, hearing on Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2009 Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, February 12, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on Protecting American Employees from Workplace Discrimination, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 13, full Committee, hearing on Modern Public School Facilities: Investing in the Future, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on the 15th Anniversary of the Family Medical Leave Act: Achievements and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, February 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing enti-

tled "Ketek Clinical Study Fraud: What Sanofiaventis Knew," 11 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, February 13, hearing entitled "The Community Reinvestment Act: Thirty Years of Accomplishments, but Challenges Remain," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on The State of the Bond Insurance Industry, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 13, hearing on International Relations Budget for Fiscal Year 2009, 2:30 p.m., room to be announced.

February 14, Subcommittee on Asia, The Pacific and the Global Environment, hearing on an Overview of Cambodia and the Need for Debt Recycling: How can the U.S. be of Assistance? 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

February 14, full Committee, hearing on the following legislation: The Global HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008; H. Res. 185, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the creation of refugee populations in the Middle East, North Africa, and the Persian Gulf region as a result of human rights violations; H. Res. 854, Expressing gratitude to all of the member states of the International Commission of the International Tracing Service (ITS) on ratifying the May 2006 Agreement to amend the 1955 Bonn Accords granting open access to vast Holocaust and other World War II related archives located in Bad Arolsen, Germany; H. Res. 865, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the March 2007 report of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development makes an important contribution to the understanding of the high levels of crime and violence in the Caribbean, and that the United States should work with Caribbean countries to address crime and violence in the region; H. Res. 909, Commemorating the courage of the Haitian soldiers that fought for American Independence in the "Siege of Savannah" and for Haiti's independence and renunciation of slavery; H. Con. Res. 154, Expressing the sense of Congress that the fatal radiation poisoning of Russian Dissident and writer Alexander Litvinenko raises significant concerns about the potential involvement of elements of the Russian Government in Mr. Litvinenko's death and about the security and proliferation of radioactive materials; H. Con. Res. 255, Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the United States commitment to preservation of religious and cultural sites and condemning instances where sites are desecrated; and H. Con. Res. Supporting Taiwan's fourth direct and democratic presidential elections in March 2008; 10:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Homeland Security, February 13, hearing entitled "The President's FY 2009 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

February 14, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Intelligence at a Crossroads:

the Office of Intelligence and Analysis' Vision for 2008," 11 a.m., Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, February 13, Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security and International Law, hearing on Problems with ICE Interrogation, Detention and Removal Procedures, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3679, State Video Tax Fairness Act of 2007, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, hearing on Design Law—Are Special Provisions Needed to Protect Unique Industries? 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, February 13, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; H.R. 1143, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands in Virgin Islands National Park, and for other purposes; H.R. 1311, Nevada Cancer Institute Expansion Act; H.R. 1922, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area Act of 2007; H.R. 816, Orchard Detention Basin Flood Control Act; and H. R 3473, Bountiful City Land Consolidation Act, 11 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 13, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1187, Gulf of Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act; H.R. 1907, Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection Act; H.R. 2342, National Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation Act of 2007; H.R. 3352, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2007; H.R. 3891, To amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act to increase the number of Directors on the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation; and H.R. 4933, Captive Wildlife Safety Technical Amendments Act of 2008, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 14, full Committee, oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, February 12, hearing on Myths and Facts about Human Growth Hormone, B 12, and Other Substances, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Federal; Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Robbing Mary to Pay Peter and Paul: the Administra-

tion's Pay for Performance System, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 13, full Committee, to continue hearings on The Mitchell Report: The Illegal Use of Steroids in Major League Baseball, Day 2, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Surplus Property: Improving Donation and Sales Programs, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on One year later: Medicaid's Response to Systemic Problems Revealed by the death of Deamonte Driver, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census and National Archives and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing on Federal IT Security: A Review of H.R. 4791, Federal Agency Data Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, February 13, hearing on NASA's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

February 14, hearing on Funding for the America COMPETES Act in the Fiscal Year 2009 Administration Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, February 13, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing on SBIR: Advancing Medical Breakthroughs, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 14, full Committee, hearing entitled "Business Activity Taxes and their Impact on Small Businesses, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, February 13, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Runway Safety. 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Reviewing the Recommendations of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on National Flood Plain Remapping: The Practical Impact, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Revitalization of the Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 13, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Review of Expiring Programs, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

February 14, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining the VA's Claims Processing System, 2 p.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, February 13, hearing on the Administration's budget proposals for fiscal year 2009, 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.