

the end of H.R. 5658. The rule authorizes the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules at any time through the legislative day of Thursday, May 22, 2008, relating to any measure pertaining to agricultural programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Abercrombie, Smith of Washington, Boren, Sestak, Cummings, Waxman, Waters, Maloney of New York, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Boswell, Lee of California, Schiff, Bean, Akin, Gingrey, Franks of Arizona, Sessions, Shays, Rohrabacher, Buyer, Terry, Kirk, and Boustany.

#### **NATIONAL SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2008**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 5618, National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008. Testimony was heard from Craig McLean, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Programs and Administration, Oceanic Atmospheric Research, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### **EPA'S POLLUTION HEALTH RISKS SYSTEM**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight held a hearing on EPA's Restructured IRIS System: Have Polluters and Politics Overwhelmed Science. Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; George Gray, Assistant Administrator, Research and Development, EPA; and Susan Dudley, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB.

#### **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Urban and Rural Entrepreneurship held a hearing entitled "Competitive Bidding for Durable Medical Equipment." Testimony was heard from Laurence D. Wilson, Director, Chronic Care Policy Group, Center for Medicare Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

#### **GREAT LAKES LEGACY ACT REAUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water and Environment held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Great Lakes Legacy Act. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant Governor John D. Cherry, State of Michigan; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of General David H. Petraeus, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force—Iraq, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Steven C. Preston, of Illinois, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine S. 1919, to establish trade enforcement priorities for the United States, to strengthen the provisions relating to trade remedies, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine the International Convention Against Doping in Sport, adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization on October 19, 2005 (Treaty Doc. 110-14), 9:15 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Schneider, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to continue hearings to examine improving the security clearance process, focusing on reform efforts to streamline, standardize, and update the process, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold oversight hearings to examine the status of backlogs at the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 2756, to amend the National Child Protection Act of 1993 to establish a permanent background check system, S. 2982, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations, S. 1210, to extend the grant program for drug-endangered children, S. Res. 563, designating September 13, 2008, as "National Childhood Cancer Awareness Day", S. Res. 567, designating June 2008 as "National Internet Safety Month", and the nominations of Elisebeth C. Cook, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice, William T. Lawrence, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, and G. Murray Snow, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and William Walter Wilkins, III, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Carolina, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine closing the justice gap, focusing on providing civil legal assistance to low-income Americans, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Special Committee on Aging*: to hold hearings to examine improving Medicare for the most vulnerable, focusing on senior citizens at risk, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Appropriations*, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Capitol Visitor Center, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Germs, Viruses, and Secrets: Government Plans to Move Exotic Disease Research to the Mainland United States,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing entitled “Impact on Homebuyers and Housing Market of Conforming Loan Limit Increase,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, hearing on Rising Oil Prices: Declining National Security? 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on City on the Hill or Just Another Country? The United States and the Promotion of Human Rights and Democracy, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime, and Global Counterterrorism, hearing on The Border Security Challenge: Recent Developments and Legislative Proposals, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 5662, Putting Our Resources Towards Security (PORTS) Act; H.R. 5552, Border Accountability Act of 2008; H.R. 4008, SAVE Act of 2007 and H.R. 3531, Accountability in Enforcing Immigration Laws Act of 2007, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Task Force on Competition Policy and Antitrust Laws, hearing on Retail Gas Prices, Part 2, Competition in the Oil Industry, 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on The United States Geological Survey’s Earthquake Hazards Program—Science, Preparation, and Response, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5511, Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of 2008; and H.R. 5710, East-

ern New Mexico Rural Water System Authorization Act, II a.m., Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, hearing on Accountability Lapses in Multiple Funds for Iraq, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity of the Committee on Financial Services, joint hearing on Neighborhoods: Targeting Federal aid to neighborhoods distressed by the subprime mortgage crisis, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science and Technology*, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing on American Decline or Renewal?—Globalization Jobs and Technology, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing entitled “RESPA and Its Impact on Small Business,” 10 a.m., 1539 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, to mark up the following: H.R. 6003, Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008; measure to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to reauthorize the predisaster hazard mitigation program, and for other purposes; and H.R. 5001, Old Post Office Building Redevelopment Act of 2008, 10:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on Examining the Effectiveness of VBA Outreach Efforts, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Human Resources Challenges within the Veterans Health Administration, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive briefing, on Counternarcotics, 11 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming*, to consider a Resolution and Committee Report to commence proceedings to find Stephen Johnson, Administrator of EPA, in contempt of Congress for refusing to comply with the subpoena issued by the Select Committee, 9:45 a.m., followed by a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Bush Administration’s Energy Policy,” 10 a.m. 2175 Rayburn.