

PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation. Testimony was heard from Charles E. F. Millard, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporations; and Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO.

PENDING BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to consider pending business.

PENDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to consider pending business.

HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current economic outlook, after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

AGRICULTURAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Joint Hearings: Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery concluded a joint hearing to examine the effectiveness of agricultural disaster assistance programs in the wake of the 2008 midwest floods, Hurricane Gustav, and Hurricane Ike, after receiving testimony from Charles F. Conner, Deputy Secretary, Kate Houston, Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services, and Arlen Lancaster, Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service, all of the Department of Agriculture; Mike Strain, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Baton Rouge; Lyle W. Asell, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines; Barbara Prather, Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Waterloo; Wallace Ellender IV, American Sugar Cane League, Bourg, Louisiana; Natalie Jayroe, Second Harvest Food

Bank, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Jay Hardwick, National Cotton Council, Newellton, Louisiana.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the authorization of Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape techniques for interrogations in Iraq, focusing on the Committee's inquiry into the treatment of detainees in United States custody, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine broadband providers and consumer privacy, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) cleanup of the Superfund site in Libby, Montana, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South and Central Asian Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the Middle East peace process, focusing on progress and prospects, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine ways to prevent nuclear terrorism, focusing on hard lessons learned from troubled investments, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine addressing cost growth of major Department of Defense (DOD) weapons systems, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 3355, to authorize the Crow Tribe of Indians water rights settlement; followed immediately by hearings to examine H.R. 1294, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 514, to extend Federal recognition to the Muscogee Nation of Florida, S. 724, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, and S. 1058, to expedite review of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan to secure a timely and just determination of whether the Bands are entitled to recognition as a Federal Indian tribe so that the Bands may receive eligible funds before the funds are no longer available, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 3259, to amend title 11, United States Code, with respect to the priority of certain high cost credit debts, H.R. 3971, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, S. 3501, to ensure that Congress is notified when the Department of Justice determines that the Executive Branch is not bound by a statute, H.R. 1943, to provide for an

effective HIV/AIDS program in Federal prisons, S. Res. 659, A resolution designating September 27, 2008, as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Day, the nominations of Clark Waddoups, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Michael M. Anello, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, Mary Stenson Scriven, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Christine M. Arguello, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Philip A. Brimmer, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, Gregory G. Garre, of Maryland, to be Solicitor General of the United States, George W. Venables, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of California, A. Brian Albritton, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida, Dennis Michael Klein, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky, C. Darnell Jones II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Mitchell S. Goldberg, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Joel H. Slomsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Eric F. Melgren, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, and Anthony John Trenga, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, all of the Department of Justice, and the authorization for subpoenas relating to the Department of Justice Office of Legal Counsel, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: business meeting to consider the nominations of Gracia M. Hillman, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Donetta Davidson, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, Rosemary E. Rodriguez, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission, and Gineen Bresso Beach, of New York, to be a Member of the Election Assistance Commission for the remainder of the term expiring December 12, 2009, 2:30 p.m., SR-301.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of J. Patrick Rowan, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review advances in animal health within the livestock industry, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Budget Reform Proposals for the 111th Congress, 2 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Safeguarding Retiree Benefits, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing to Review of Continuing Security Concerns at DOE's National Labs, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, oversight hearing to Examine Recent Treasury and FHFA Actions Regarding the Housing GSE's, 12 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to consider the Interim Authority Resolution Mass Communication Quarterly Reporting Policy, 1 p.m., and a hearing on Ensuring the Rights of College Students to Vote, 1:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following legislation: H.R. 883, Oglala Sioux Tribe Angostura Irrigation Project Modernization and Development Act; H.R. 6754, White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act; H.R. 6768, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation, to develop water infrastructure in the Rio Grande Basin, and to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso, Tesuque, and Taos; and legislation to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish a program to facilitate the transfer to non-Federal ownership of appropriate reclamation projects or facilities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Domestic Policy, hearing on Tumors and Cell Phone Use: What the Science Says, 11 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on Small Business Competition Policy: Are Markets Open for Entrepreneurs? 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Runway Safety: An Update, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, to consider pending business, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:45 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing on The Future of LIHEAP Funding: Will Families Get The Cold Shoulder This Winter? 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.