

Businesses Face Funding and Maintaining Retirement Plans in a Struggling Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEMA GULF COAST RECOVERY; RECENT DISASTERS RESPONSE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing on Post-Katrina Disaster Response and Recovery: Evaluating FEMA’s Continuing Efforts in the Gulf Coast and Response to Recent Disasters. Testimony was heard from the following officials of FEMA, Department of Homeland Security: David Garratt, Acting Deputy Administrator; and James W. Stark, Assistant Administrator, Gulf Coast Recovery Office; and public witnesses.

CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Continued hearings on climate change, with emphasis on Scientific Objectives for Climate Change legislation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

WORLD WIDE THREATS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on World Wide Threats. Testimony was heard from Dennis Blair, Director of National Intelligence.

TECHNOLOGY CAN REVOLUTIONIZE EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE SOLUTIONS

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled “Get Smart on the Smart Grid: How Technology Can Revolutionize Efficiency and Renewable Solutions.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine strategic options for the way ahead in Afghanistan and Pakistan, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Administration’s Homeowner Affordability and Stability Plan, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine consumer protection and the credit crisis, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine recommendations for reducing energy consumption in buildings through improved implementa-

tion of authorized Department of Energy (DOE) programs and through other innovative federal energy efficiency policies and programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine engaging with Muslim communities around the world, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine integrative care, focusing on a pathway to a healthier nation, 10 a.m., SD-430.

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 protecting public and animal health, focusing on homeland security and the federal veterinarian workforce, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicide in Indian country, 10 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: organizational business meeting to consider committee’s rules of procedure for the 111th Congress; S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to Federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, and the nominations of David W. Ogden, of Virginia, to be Deputy Attorney General, Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, and Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine caring for veterans in rural areas, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Outsourcing, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, hearing on Disaster Response: Is FEMA up to the Challenge? 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Higher Education, Lifelong Learning and Competitiveness, hearing on New Innovations and Best Practices Under the Workforce Investment Act, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on Revisiting the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Renewable Energy: Complementary Policies for Climate Legislation, 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to continue hearings on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Building a Strategic Partnership: U.S.-India Relations in the Wake of Mumbai, 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on Competition in the Ticketing and Promotion Industry, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 699, Hardrock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on How Convicts and Con Artists Receive New Federal Contracts, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Beyond the Classroom: Informal STEM Education, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on VA's Update on Short and Long-Term Strategies for Implementing New G.I. Bill Requirements, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on IRS Assistance for Taxpayers Experiencing Economic Difficulties, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine restoring the economy, focusing on strategy for short-term and long-term change, 10 a.m., SD-106.