

**OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Held an oversight hearing on the Washington Aqueduct and the effects of its discharge on the C&O Canal National Historic Park and the endangered shortnose sturgeon. Testimony was heard from Don Murphy, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Tim Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Dominic Izzo, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and Ben Grumbles, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA.

**SOUND SCIENCE FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT PLANNING ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 4840, Sound Science for Endangered Species Act Planning Act of 2002. Testimony was heard from Craig Manson, Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Department of the Interior; and William Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

**ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE EXPANSION ACT—RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a resolution providing that H.R. 3009, Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act, and the Senate amendment thereto, shall be taken from the Speaker's table and agreed to with the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution. The resolution provides that the House shall be considered to have insisted on its amendment to the Senate amendment. Finally, the resolution provides that the House shall be considered to have requested a conference with the Senate thereon. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas and Representatives Rangel and Levin.

**HOW LIMITING INTERNATIONAL VISITOR VISAS HURTS SMALL BUSINESS TOURISM**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on How Limiting International Visitor Visas Hurts Small Business Tourism. Testimony was heard from James W. Ziglar, Commissioner, INS, Department of Justice; Thomas Sullivan, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; John E. Bush, Governor, State of Florida; John Lewis, former Assistant Director, FBI, National Security Division (Counterintelligence and Counter-terrorism), Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

**ARMING PILOTS AGAINST TERRORISM ACT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 4635, Arming Pilots Against Terrorism Act.

**MEDICARE MODERNIZATION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACT; IMPROVING ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CARE ACT**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4954, Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Act of 2002; and H.R. 4946, Improving Access to Long-Term Care Act of 2002.

**Joint Meetings****9/11 INTELLIGENCE INVESTIGATION**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Select Committee on Intelligence continued joint closed hearings with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine events surrounding September 11, 2001, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Joint hearings recessed subject to call.

**KOSOVO ETHNIC HARMONY**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Commission to examine the current human rights atmosphere in Kosovo, focusing on the rights of ethnic minorities to return home, human trafficking, and the rising tensions between the region's ethnic minorities, after receiving testimony from Rada Trajkovic, Kosovo Parliamentarian, Kosovo Serv Povratak Coalition, Podujevo; Alush Gashi, Kosovo Parliamentarian, Democratic League of Kosovo, and Valerie Percival, International Crisis Group, both of Pristina; and Nebojsa Covic, Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, Belgrade, Serbia, Yugoslavia.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2002**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

*Special Committee on Aging:* to hold hearings to examine long-term care financing, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine Amtrak's financial condition, 1:30 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander in Chief, United States Northern Command/

Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings on S. 193/H.R. 3928, to assist in the preservation of archaeological, paleontological, zoological, geological, and botanical artifacts through construction of a new facility for the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, Utah; S. 1609/H.R. 1814, to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Metacomet-Monadnock-Mattabesett Trail extending through western Massachusetts and central Connecticut as a national historic trail; S. 1925, to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire; S. 2196, to establish the National Mormon Pioneer Heritage area in the State of Utah; S. 2388, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study certain sites in the historic district of Beaufort, South Carolina, relating to the Reconstruction Era; S. 2519, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of Coltsville in the State of Connecticut for potential inclusion in the National Park System; and S. 2576, to establish the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Superfund, Toxics, Risk, and Waste Management, to hold hearings to examine lessons learned from asbestos remediation activities in Libby, Montana, as well as home insulation concerns relating to asbestos, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the President's proposal to create a Department of Homeland Security, 9:30 a.m. SD-106.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine workers freedom of association, focusing on obstacles to forming unions, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Select Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1291, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien college-bound students who are long term United States residents; S. 2134, to allow American victims of state sponsored terrorism to receive compensation from blocked assets of those states; H.R. 3375, to provide compensation for the United States citizens who were victims of the bombings of United States embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998, on the same basis as compensation is provided to victims of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes on September 11, 2001; S. 486, to reduce the risk that innocent persons may be executed; S. 2621, to provide a definition of vehicle for purposes of criminal penalties relating to terrorist attacks and other acts of violence against mass transportation systems; S. 2633, to prohibit an individual from knowingly opening, maintaining, managing, controlling, renting, leasing, making available for use, or profiting from any place for the purpose of

manufacturing, distributing, or using any controlled substance; S. 1754, to authorize appropriations for the United States Patent and Trademark Office for fiscal years 2002 through 2007; H.R. 1866, to amend title 35, United States Code, to clarify the basis for granting requests for reexamination of patents; H.R. 1886, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for appeals by third parties in certain patent reexamination proceedings; H.R. 2068, to revise, codify, and enact without substantive change certain general and permanent laws, related to public buildings, property, and works, as title 40, United States Code, "Public Buildings, Property, and Works"; and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

## House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Transportation, on Transportation Security Administration, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on Office of National Drug Control Policy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing on "An Assessment of the Use of Union Dues for Political Purposes: Is the Law Being Followed or Violated?" 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* to continue consideration of Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit; and other pending business, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* to consider H.R. 3995, Housing Affordability for America Act of 2002, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* to consider the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on "The Department of Homeland Security: An Overview of the President's Proposal," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* hearing on Oil Diplomacy: Facts and Myths Behind Foreign Oil Dependency, 10:45 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, oversight hearing on "Litigation and its Effect on the Rails-To-Trails Program," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on "Patent Reexamination and Small Business Innovation," 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 408, honoring the American Zoo and Aquarium Associate for their continued service to animal welfare, conservation education, conservation research, and wildlife conservation programs; H.R. 3937, to revoke a Public Land Order with respect to certain lands erroneously included in the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge, California; H.R. 4807, Susquehanna National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act; H.R. 4882, to revise and modernize the provision of law governing the commissioned officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and H.R. 4883, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act Amendments of 2002, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following: H.R. 4870, Mount Naomi Wilderness Boundary Adjustment Act; H.R. 4952, Mount Wilson Observatory Preservation and Enhancement Act; H.R. 3802, to amend the Education Land Grant Act to require the Secretary of Agriculture to pay the costs of environmental reviews with respect to conveyances under that Act; H.R. 4919, Tonto and Coconino National Forest Land Exchange Act; and H.R. 4917, Los Padres National Forest Land Exchange Act of 2002, 9:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, to consider H.R. 4931, Retirement Savings Security Act of 2002, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on Research Priorities for Aquatic Invasive Species, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Federal Transit Capital Grants Programs, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on Retirement Security and Defined Benefit Pension Plans, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security, to continue hearings on Social Security Disability Programs' Challenges and Opportunities, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold joint hearings to examine human rights in Greece, focusing on minority rights, religious liberty, freedom of the media, human trafficking, and domestic terrorism, 11:30 a.m., 334 Cannon Building.