

## “PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSE REFORM: FORMER HOUSE LEADERS”

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*; Subcommittee on Rules held a hearing entitled “Perspectives on House Reform: Former House Leaders.” Testimony was heard from the following former Speakers of the House: Newt Gingrich, Georgia; and Tom Foley, Washington; and former Representatives Bob Walker of Pennsylvania; and Lee Hamilton of Indiana.

## Joint Meetings

### OSCE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission)*: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. policy toward the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), after receiving testimony from A. Elizabeth Jones, Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, and Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Finance*: business meeting to consider a substitute to H.R. 4, to reauthorize and improve the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families, improve access to quality child care, and S. 622, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families of disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs*: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the cause of the August 2003 Northeast blackouts, and what the federal government can do to ensure that blackouts of this magnitude do not occur again, 9 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine terrorism two years after 9/11, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, to consider a Letter to the Committee on the Budget as required by the Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, to consider the following measures: the Health Care Safety Net Amendments Technical Corrections Act of 2003; H.R. 3034, National Bone Marrow Donor Registry Reauthorization Act; H.R. 1813, Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2003; and H.R. 1260, Animal Drug User Fee Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, hearing on the Department of the Treasury's views on the regulation of government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled “Developing Sound Business Practices at the Department of Homeland Security,” 2 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled “The SV-40 Virus: Has Tainted Polio Vaccine Caused an Increase in Cancer?” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled “Worm and Virus Defense: How Can We Protect the Nation's Computers From These Threats?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, to mark up the following: H.R. 1038, Public Lands Fire Regulations Enforcement Act of 2003; H.J. Res. 63, Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003; H.R. 2134, Bail Bond Fairness Act of 2003; a measure to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; H.R. 2152, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 5 years the special immigrant religious worker program; and H.R. 2714, State Justice Institute Reauthorization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following: H.R. 142, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional water recycling project, to authorize the Secretary to carry out a program to assist agencies in projects to construct regional brine lines in California, and to authorize the Secretary to participate in the Lower Chino Dairy Area desalination demonstration and reclamation project; H.R. 1156, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to increase the ceiling on the Federal share of the costs of phase I of the Orange County, California, Regional Water Reclamation Project; H.R. 2960, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Brownsville Public Utility Board water recycling and desalination project; and H.R. 2991, to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project in the Cucamonga County Water District recycling project, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Science*, hearing on NASA's Response to the Columbia Report, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, hearing on the WTO's Challenge to the FSC/ETI Rules and the Effect on America's Small Businesses, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, hearing entitled “Perspectives on 9-11: Building Effectively on Hard Lessons,” 2:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 10

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, with a series of votes to occur on certain pending amendments beginning at 9:45 a.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 10

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of H.R. 2622, to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to prevent identity theft, improve resolution of consumer disputes, improve the accuracy of consumer records, make improvements in the use of, and

consumer access to, credit information, and for other purposes (open rule, one hour of general debate).

Continue consideration of Ruppertsberger motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act.

## Consideration of Suspensions:

1. H.R. 2595, to restore the operation of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program during fiscal year 2003 to the scope of that program as in effect on September 30, 2002;

2. H.R. 2433, Health Care for Veterans of Project 112/Project SHAD Act of 2003;

3. H. Res. 315, congratulating Rafael Palmeiro of the Texas Rangers for hitting 500 major league home runs and thanking him for being a role model for the Cuban American community, as well as for all Americans;

4. H. Res. 266, commending the Clemson University Tigers men's golf team for winning the 2003 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Golf Championship;

5. H.R. 978, to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that certain Federal annuity computations are adjusted by 1 percentage point relating to periods of receiving disability payments; and

6. H.R. \_\_\_\_ honoring the Dali Lama.

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