

OVERSIGHT—INSPECTORS GENERAL ACT

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management held an oversight hearing entitled “25th Anniversary of the Inspectors General Act—Where Do We Go From Here.” Testimony was heard from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Clay Johnson III, Deputy Director, Management, OMB; Gaston Gianni, Inspector General, FDIC; and Barry Snyder, Inspector General, Federal Reserve Board.

MERCURY—ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing on “The Environmental Impact of Mercury-Containing Dental Amalgams.” Testimony was heard from Geoffrey Grubbs, Director, Office of Science and Technology, EPA; Capt. James Ragain, Jr., Dental Corps, U.S. Navy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

IT ROADMAP

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled “The IT Roadmap: An Overview of Homeland Security’s Enterprise Architecture.” Testimony was heard from Steven I. Copper, Chief Information Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Karen S. Evans, Administrator of E-Government and Information Technology, OMB.

SYRIAN ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY RESTORATION ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1828, Syrian Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003.

ADVANCING JUSTICE THROUGH DNA TECHNOLOGY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3214, Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act of 2003.

OVERSIGHT—TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on tribal self-governance issues. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3245, Commercial Space Act of 2003; H.R. 912, Charles ‘Pete’ Conrad Astronomy

Awards Act; H.R. 1292, Remote Sensing Applications Act of 2003; and H.R. 2450, as amended, Human Space Flight Independent Investigation Commission Act of 2003.

BLACKOUT: EFFECTS ON SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports held a hearing on the August 14, 2003 Blackout: Effects on Small Business and Potential Solutions. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSEE RESEARCH COMPLIANCE AND ASSURANCE WITHIN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1585, to establish an office to oversee research compliance and assurance within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

BRIEFING—ADMINISTRATION’S NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE PRIORITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on the Administration’s National Intelligence Priorities. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Held a hearing on H.R. 2886, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Bruce Carnes, Chief Financial Officer; and Richard Berman, Assistant Inspector General, Audits, Office of Inspector General; Linda Springer, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, OMB; and a public witness.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the Fiscal Year 2004 Iraq/Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.