

## Committee Meetings

### INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

### LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on NIH, with emphasis on Budget/Road Map. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, MD, Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

### TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the IRS. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury

### VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Sean O'Keefe, Administrator, NASA.

### IRAQ'S TRANSITION TO SOVEREIGNTY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on Iraq's Transition to Sovereignty. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary; GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Judith Yaphe, Senior Fellow, National Defense University; Mark I. Grossman, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; Amatzia Baram, Resident Fellow, United States Institute of Peace; and GEN John Keane, USA (ret.), former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army.

### DOD PERFORMANCE OF ACQUISITION PROCESS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Held a hearing on the Performance of the Department of Defense Acquisition Process in Support of Force Protection for Combat Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics); LTG Joseph L. Yakovac, Jr., USA, Military Deputy and Director, Army Acquisition Corps, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology); and

MG Buford C. Blount III, USA, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3, both with the Department of the Army; LTG Edward Hanlon, Jr., USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; and BG William D. Catto, USMC, Commanding General, Marine Corps Systems Command, both with the Department of the Navy.

### RAISING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT—IMPORTANCE OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED TEACHERS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on the Importance of Highly Qualified Teachers in Raising Academic Achievement. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DOD—CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AFFECTING READINESS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality and the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a joint hearing entitled "Current Environmental Issues Affecting the Readiness of the Department of Defense." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Raymond DuBois, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; and BG Louis W. Weber, USA, Director of Training; Marianne Lamont Horinko, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; the following officials of the State of Colorado: Douglas H. Benevento, Executive Director, Department of Public Health and Environment; and Dan Miller, First Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources and Environmental Section, Department of Law; and public witnesses.

### FASB STOCK OPTIONS PROPOSAL—EFFECT ON U.S. ECONOMY AND JOBS

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "The FASB Stock Options Proposal: Its Effect on the U.S. Economy and Jobs." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DOD'S COUNTERNARCOTICS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "DOD's Counternarcotics: What Is Congress Getting For Its Money?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Tom O'Connell, Assistant Secretary, Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict; and BG Benjamin Mixon, USA, U.S. Southern Command, J-3 Operations Office; and RADM David Kunkel, USCG, U.S. Pacific Command, J-3

Operations Office, Department of Homeland Security.

#### **IRAQ OIL-FOR-FOOD PROGRAM**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Iraq Oil-for-Food Program: Starving for Accountability. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Patrick F. Kennedy, U.S. Representative for United Nations Management and Reform, U.S. Mission to the United Nations; and Robin L. Raphel, Coordinator, Office of Iraq Reconstruction; Michael J. Thibault, Deputy Director, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Department of Defense; Jeff Ross, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary, Executive Office for Terrorist Financing and Financial Crimes, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

#### **PROTECTING OUR NATION'S CYBER SPACE**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "Protecting Our Nation's Cyber Space: Educational Awareness for the Cyber Citizen." Testimony was heard from Orson Swindle, Commissioner, FTC; Amit Yoran, Director, National Cyber Security Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

#### **TAIWAN RELATIONS ACT**

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on The Taiwan Relations Act: The Next Twenty-Five Years. Testimony was heard from James A. Kelly, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

#### **U.S. AND NORTHERN EUROPE: THE E-PINE INITIATIVE**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on the U.S. and Northern Europe: The e-PINE Initiative. Testimony was heard from Heather Conley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Department of State; and the following Ambassadors to the United States: His Excellency Jan K. Eliasson, Sweden; and His Excellency Vygaudas Usackas, Republic of Lithuania.

#### **OVERSIGHT—DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR REQUIRING FOREIGN VISITORS TO PRESENT BIOMETRIC PASSPORTS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing entitled "Should the Congress extend the October,

2004 Statutory Deadline for Requiring Foreign Visitors to Present Biometric Passports?" Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State; and Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security.

#### **TERRORIST PENALTIES ENHANCEMENT ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2934, Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2003.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Representative Carter; Johnny Sutton, U.S. Attorney, Western District of Texas, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

#### **COLORADO RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION BOUNDARY CORRECTION ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Held a hearing on H.R. 2941, Colorado River Indian Reservation Boundary Correction Act. Testimony was heard from Michael Olsen, Counselor to the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and a public witness.

#### **TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION ACT OF 2004**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on H.R. 3846, Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

#### **CONTINUITY IN REPRESENTATION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 6 to 3, a structured rule providing 60 minutes of general debate on H.R. 2844, Continuity in Representation Act of 2004, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failure to comply with clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII (requiring the inclusion of general performance goals and objectives in a committee report). The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in Part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying the resolution, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment, which shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments made in order may be offered only in the

order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions.

### COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3879, Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005.

### GDIP BUDGET

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a hearing on GDIP Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

### BRIEFING—NARCO—TERROR CONNECTIONS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Narco-Terror Connections. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

### DHS INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION DIVISION

*Select Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science, and Research and Development and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a joint hearing entitled "The DHS Infrastructure Protection Division: Public-Private Partnerships to Secure Critical Infrastructures". Testimony was heard from Robert Liscouski, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Robert Dacey, Director, Informational Security Issues, GAO; George C. Newstrom, Secretary of Technology, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the outlook for the U.S. economy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2004

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, 2 p.m., SD-138.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine obstacles and opportunities regarding the Iraq transition, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Michael W. Marine, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to Vietnam, and Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Laos, 1:30 p.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine U.S.-China relations and the status of reforms in China, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to South Africa, Jack Dyer Crouch II, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Romania, and Victor Henderson Ashe, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Poland, 4 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine working parents and their children, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 1735, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. Res. 310, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers, H. Con. Res. 328, recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month, S. 2270, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal, S. 2107, to authorize an annual appropriations of \$10,000,000 for mental health courts through fiscal year 2009, S. 2192, to amend title 35,