

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 12 noon on Monday, May 10 in pro forma session, and at 12:30 p.m., on Tuesday, May 11 for Morning Hour debate.

Committee Meetings

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the ongoing investigation into the abuse of prisoners within the Central Command area of responsibility. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman, Joints Chiefs of Staff; Les Brownlee, Acting Secretary, Army; GEN Peter J. Schoomaker, USA, Chief of Staff, Army; and LTG Lance L. Smith, USAF, Deputy Commander, Central Command.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for April 2004, focusing on economic growth, business activity in the manufacturing and service industries, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), job creation and loss, after receiving testimony from Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D437)

S. 1904, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse". Signed on May 7, 2004. (Public Law 108-225)

S. 2022, to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the "Senator Paul Simon Federal Building". Signed on May 7, 2004. (Public Law 108-226)

S. 2043, to designate a Federal building in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Ronald Reagan Federal Building". Signed on May 7, 2004. (Public Law 108-227)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 10 through May 15, 2004

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate may resume consideration of S. 1637, Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act, and may consider an Iraqi prisoner resolution, with an expected rollcall vote on the resolution to occur at approximately 5:30 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1637, Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture to occur thereon.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 11, Subcommittee on Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization, to hold hearings to examine conservation programs of the 2002 Farm bill, 10 a.m., SD-628.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Commodity Futures Trading Commission regulatory issues, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Appropriations: May 12, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: May 13, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine acquisition policy issues in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 11, to hold hearings to examine aviation security, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 11, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine smoking in the movies, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to conduct a telecommunications policy review, focusing on a view from the industry, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

May 13, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine social science data on the impact of marriage and divorce on children, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 11, to hold hearings to examine the impacts and costs of last year's fires, focusing on the problems faced last year and what problems agencies and the land they oversee may face next season, including aerial fire fighting assets and crew, and overhead availability, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 12, to hold hearings to examine the environmental regulatory

framework affecting oil refining and gasoline policy, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 11, to hold hearings to examine the deadly intersection of AIDS and hunger, 10 a.m., SD-419.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine continuing challenges in Afghanistan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

May 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine combating corruption in the multilateral development banks, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: May 11, to hold hearings to examine tax payer dollars subsidizing diploma mills, 10 a.m., SH-216.

May 12, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine tax payer dollars subsidizing diploma mills, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 11, Subcommittee on Aging, to hold hearings to examine breakthroughs in Alzheimer's research, 10 a.m., SD-430.

May 13, Subcommittee on Children and Families, to hold hearings to examine causes, research and prevention of premature births, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: May 12, to hold hearings to examine S. 1715, to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 11, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine rapid bio-terrorism detection and response, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 12, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2013, to amend section 119 of title 17, United States Code, to extend satellite home viewer provisions, 10 a.m., SD-226.

May 13, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights, business meeting to consider S.J. Res. 23, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for the event that one-fourth of the members of either the House of Representatives or the Senate are killed or incapacitated, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 11, closed business meeting to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, May 12, Subcommittee on Legislative, on Library of Congress; Architect of the Capitol; and Capitol Visitor Center, 1 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

May 12, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Millennium Challenge Corporation, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, May 12, hearing on H.R. 4283, College Access and Opportunity Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining the Federal Employees'

Compensation Act and Its Benefits for Workers," 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, May 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2004, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "DOE Nuclear Security: What are the Challenges, and What's Next?" 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 107, Digital Media Consumers' Rights Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "NIH Ethics Concerns: Consulting Arrangements and Outside Awards," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, May 12, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Cutting Through the Red Tape: Regulatory Relief for America's Community-Based Banks," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

May 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "The US-EU Regulatory Dialogue and Its Future," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, May 11, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled "Terrorist Financing and Money Laundering Investigations: Who Investigates and How Effective Are They?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations hearing entitled "Combating Terrorism: Training and Equipping Reserve Component Forces," 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 12, full Committee, to consider the following: Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2004; H.R. 2432, Paperwork and Regulatory Improvements Act of 2003; H.R. 4302, District of Columbia Civil Commitment Modernization Act of 2004; and H. Res. 612, Recognizing and honoring the firefighters, police, public servants, civilians, and private businesses who responded to the devastating fire in Richmond, Virginia, on March 26, 2004, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Decades of Terror: Exploring Human Rights Abuses in Kashmir and the Disputed Territories," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, hearing entitled "The Science of Voting Machine Technology: Accuracy, Reliability, and Security," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

May 13, full Committee, hearing entitled "Harnessing Science: Advancing Care by Accelerating the Rate of Cancer Clinical Trial Participation," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, May 11, hearing on Current Issues in World Hunger, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 11, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on The African Growth and Opportunity Act: Building Trade Capacity, 4 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 12, full Committee, hearing on The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 12, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on Ukraine's Future and United States Interests, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

May 13, full Committee, hearing on The Imminent Transfer of Sovereignty in Iraq, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, May 12, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 2934, Terrorist Penalties Enhancement Act of 2003; H. Con. Res. 414, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*; H.R. 3754, Fraudulent Online Identity Sanctions Act; H.R. 1731, Identity Theft Penalty Enhancement Act; S. 1301, Video Voyeurism Prevention Act of 2003; H.R. 1678, Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act of 2003; H.R. 3632, Anti-Counterfeiting Amendments of 2003; H.R. 338, Defense of Privacy Act; H.R. 2179, Securities Fraud Deterrence and Investor Restitution Act of 2003; and private relief bills, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 3220, Business Activity Tax Simplification Act of 2003, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.J. Res. 56, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, May 12, hearing on the current reorganization of trust management at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Special Trustee, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 13, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3433, To transfer federal lands between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior; H.R. 3479, Brown Tress Snake Control and Eradication Act of 2003; H.R. 4027, To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to make available to the University of Miami property under the administrative jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Virginia Key, Florida, for use by the University for a Marine Life Science Center; and H.R. 4158, To provide for the conveyance to the Government of Mexico of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

May 13, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing entitled "Firefighting Preparedness: Are we ready for the 2004 Wildlife Season?" 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, May 11, to consider the following: H.R. 4275, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 10-percent individual income tax rate bracket; H.R. 4279, To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the disposition of unused health benefits in cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements; H.R. 4280, To improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system; and

H.R. 4281, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2004, 5 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, May 12, hearing entitled "Women's Entrepreneurship: Successes and Challenges," 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, May 12, to mark up the following: a Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolution; H.R. 3428, To designate a portion of the United States courthouse located at 2100 Jamieson Avenue, in Alexandria, Virginia, as the "Justin W. Williams United States Attorney's Building;" H.R. 3734, To designate the Federal building at Fifth and Richardson Avenues in Roswell, New Mexico, as the "Joe Skeen Federal Building;" H.R. 3742, To designate the United States courthouse and post office building located at 93 Atocha Street in Ponce, Puerto Rico, as the "Luis A. Ferre United States Courthouse and Post Office Building;" H.R. 3884, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 615 East Houston Street in San Antonio, Texas, as the "Hipolito F. Garcia Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 4056, Commercial Aviation MANPADS Defense Act of 2004; H.R. 4226, Cape Town Treaty Implementation Act of 2004; H.R. 4251, Maritime Transportation Amendments of 2004; a resolution on National Transportation Week; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on Avoiding Summer Delays and a Review of the FAA's Air Traffic Organization, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on How to Best Prepare for Acts of Terror: National Preparedness and First Responder Funding, 12 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, May 11, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up pending business, 4:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

May 13, Subcommittee on Benefits, to mark up pending business, 11 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, May 11, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the Medicare Chronic Care Improvement Program, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

May 13, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on State Efforts to Comply with Federal Child Welfare Reviews, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, May 12, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on Aligning CIA HUMINT, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

May 13, full Committee, executive, hearing on Department of Homeland Security Intelligence Budget, 3:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

May 13, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, hearing on Intelligence Community Language Capabilities, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

May 13, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on Information Technology Policy Sharing, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, May 12, Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security, hearing

entitled “The Transportation Security Administration’s Progress in Enhancing Security,” 10:30 a.m., room to be announced.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: May 13, to hold hearings to examine the costs of health services regulations, 10 a.m., SD-628.