

implementation of the Patient Financial Services System. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Michael L. Staley, Assistant Inspector General, Auditing; Robert N. McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Office of Information and Technology; Kenneth Ruyle, Chief Business Officer, Veterans Health Administration; and Ken Ray, VISN 8 Chief Financial Officer; the following officials of the GAO: Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Health Care—Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues; and McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team; and public witnesses.

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER PRIVACY AND IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2971, Social Security Number Privacy and Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2004.

BRIEFING—COUNTERNARCOTICS: LATIN AMERICA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a Briefing: Counternarcotics: Latin America and Southeast Asia. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

CAUCASUS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission met to receive a briefing on the current state of religious freedom in the Caucasus due to recent events in Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia from Paul Crego, Cataloging Specialist, Library of Congress; Eric Rassbach, Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Washington, D.C.; Andre Carbonneau, Jehovah's Witnesses, Montreal, Canada.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine activities and funding issues of the Appalachian Council and Working for America Institute, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the Department of the Army Inspector General Report on Detention Operation Doctrine and Training, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine regulation NMS and developments in market structure, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine space exploration of Saturn, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the implementation of the National Parks Air Tour Management Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-181), 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the rule of higher education financing in strengthening U.S. competitiveness in a global economy, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the current situation in Iraq post-transition, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to resume hearings to examine the extent to which consumers can purchase pharmaceuticals over the Internet without a medical prescription, the importation of pharmaceuticals into the United States, and whether the pharmaceuticals from foreign sources are counterfeit, expired, unsafe, or illegitimate, focusing on the extent to which U.S. consumers can purchase dangerous and often addictive controlled substances from Internet pharmacy websites and the procedures utilized by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the United States Postal Service, and the Food and Drug Administration, as well as the private sector to address these issues, 9 a.m., SD-342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Allen Weinstein, of Maryland, to be Archivist of the United States, 3:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine preparations for possible future terrorist attacks, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 2560, to amend chapter 5 of title 17, United States Code, relating to inducement of copyright infringement, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine intelligence reform, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to mark up H.R. 4576, Food Promotion Act of 2004, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Livestock and Horticulture, hearing to review the USDA's National Animal Identification System, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2005: VA, HUD and Independent Agencies; and Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Report of the Commission to Assess the Threat to the United States from Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) Attack, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on Space Cadre/Space Professionals, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on the U.S. Tax Code's Impact on Revenue Projections and the Federal Budget, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing entitled "Genetic Non-Discrimination: Examining the Implications for Workers and Employers," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Tapped Out? Lead in the District of Columbia and the Providing of Safe Drinking Water," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Health Information Technology: Improving Quality and Value of Patient Care," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Problems with the E-rate Program: Waste, Fraud, and Abuse Concerns in the Wiring of Our Nation's Schools to the Internet," 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Sarbanes-Oxley: Two Years of Market and Investor Recovery," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Contracting and the Rebuilding of Iraq: Part IV," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security of the Select Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled "Drugs and Security in a Post-9/11 World: Coordinating the Counter-narcotics Mission at the Department of Homeland Security," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "Balancing Act: The Health Advantages of Naturally-Occurring Hormones in Hormone Replacement Therapy," 2:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on H.R. 4863, To establish the Commission to Establish the National Museum of the American Latino to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance with the

Smithsonian Institution of the National Museum of the American Latino in Washington, D.C., 1:30 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on The Democratic Republic of Congo Peace Accords: One Year Later, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 822, Wild Sky Wilderness Act of 2003; H.R. 4806, Pine Springs Land Exchange Act; and H.R. 4838, Health Forest Youth Conservation Corps Act of 2004, 11 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, hearing Small Business Liability Reform, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, oversight hearing on Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan—The First Major Projects, 12 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on the evolution of VA-DoD collaboration in research and amputee care for veterans of current and past conflicts, and needed reforms in VA blind rehabilitation services, 9:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Electronic Prescribing, 1 p.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, Briefing: Technological Superiority in the Intelligence Community, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, Briefing: Threats to the National Conventions and the Olympics, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, Briefing: Port Security, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, 11 a.m., 2167 RHOB.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine the demographics of health care, focusing on evidence regarding declining rates of chronic disability and assess the best opportunities for further health promotion, 10 a.m., SD-628.