

**DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine Ballistic Missile Defense Programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2006, after receiving testimony from Michael W. Wynne, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; General James E. Cartwright, USMC, Commander, United States Strategic Command; David W. Duma, Acting Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; and Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency.

**GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES**

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine regulatory reform of the Government-Sponsored Enterprises, focusing on the Administration's views on

how best to improve and reform regulatory oversight of the housing government-sponsored enterprises, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; and Alphonso Jackson, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

**NOMINATION**

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jonathan Brian Perlin, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Thune, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

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# House of Representatives

***Chamber Action***

The House was not in session today. It will meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 8 in pro forma session, and at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 for Morning Hour debate.

***Committee Meetings*****AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Research, Education, and Extension. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Joseph J. Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics; Edward B. Knipling, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension; Susan E. Offutt, Administrator, Economic Research Service; R. Ronald Bosecker, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Office.

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services,

Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on OSHA, on the Mine Safety and Health Administration, and on the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Jonathon Snare, Acting Assistant Secretary, OSHA; David Dye, Acting Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; and John Howard, M.D., National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.

**DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the GSA. Testimony was heard by Stephen A. Perry, Administrator, GSA.

**MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on BRAC/Global Posture Review. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.