

Transportation: Annette M. Sandberg, Administrator, Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration; and Todd J. Zinser; Deputy Inspector General; Tom Blank, Chief Support Systems Officer for the Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; D. B. Smit, Commissioner, Department of Motor Vehicles, State of Virginia; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—GETTING ACELA BACK ON TRACK

Committee on Transportation: Subcommittee on Railroads held an oversight hearing on Getting Acela Back on Track. Testimony was heard from Robert D. Jamison, Acting Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; the following officials of AMTRAK: Fred E. Weiderhold, Jr., Inspector General; and William Crosbie, Director, Operations; JayEtta Z. Hecker, Physical Infrastructure Issues Director, GAO; and public witnesses.

SERVICEMEMBERS' HEALTH INSURANCE PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 2046, Servicemembers' Health Insurance Protection Act of 2005.

PATRIOT ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the PATRIOT Act. Testimony was heard from James B. Comey, Jr., Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 2 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine the proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2006 for the Department of State and foreign operations, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to continue markup of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine S. 967, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to ensure that prepackaged news stories contain announcements that inform viewers that the information within was provided by the United States Government, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the U.S. Representative to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the U.S. Representative in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be U.S. Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the United Nations, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 852, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, William H. Pryor, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit, and Brett M. Kavanaugh, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the committee's rules of procedure for the 109th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Rachel Brand, of Iowa, Alice S. Fisher, of Virginia, and Regina B. Schofield, of Virginia, each to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 4 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine issues relating to the planning, providing, and paying for veterans' long-term care, 10 a.m., SR-418.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the threat of HIV affecting people over fifty, 3 p.m., SH-216.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies, on the Saint Lawrence Seaway, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 2 p.m., 2362 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life, and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to mark up Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations, 11 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 11 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical and Land Forces, to mark up H.R. 1815, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining Voluntary Compliance Programs that Improve Occupational Safety and Health," 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Specialty Hospitals: Assessing Their Role in the Delivery of Quality Health Care," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "Helping Consumers Obtain the Credit They Deserve," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Securing Our Borders: What Have We Learned From Government Initiatives and Citizen Patrols?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing entitled "Foreign Relations Authorization for FY 2005–2006: Embassy and Border Security," 11 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Non-proliferation, hearing entitled "Reviewing the State Department's Annual Report on Terrorism," 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up H.R. 1817, Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, hearing on H.R. 98, Illegal Immigration Enforce-

ment and Social Security Protection Act of 2005, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 323, To redesignate the Ellis Island Library on the third floor of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, located on Ellis Island in New York Harbor, as the "Bob Hope Memorial Library;" H.R. 774, Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005; and H.R. 1084, To authorize the establishment at Antietam National Battlefield of a memorial to the officers and enlisted men of the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry Regiments and the First New Hampshire Light Artillery Battery who fought in the Battle of Antietam on September 17, 1862, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, hearing on the Future of Computer Science Research in the U.S., 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on the Coast Guard Amendments of 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, oversight hearing on the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS), 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider pending Committee business; followed by a hearing on Alternatives to Strengthen Social Security, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, Briefing on Global Updates, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.