

**FREE TRADE—DOES CHINA ENACT BARRIERS**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture and Technology and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance and Exports held a joint hearing on Does China Enact Barriers to Fair Trade? Testimony was heard from Steve Pinkos, Office of the Under Secretary and Director, U.S. Patent and Trade Office, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**TAX-EXEMPT HOSPITAL SECTOR**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on the Tax-Exempt Hospital Sector. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO; Mark McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

**SOCIAL SECURITY—PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security continued hearings on Protecting and

Strengthening Social Security. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rangel, Shaw, Sam Johnson of Texas, Lewis of Kentucky, Brady of Texas, Ryan of Wisconsin, Weller, Kolbe, Boyd, Solis, Thompson of Mississippi, Conaway, Spratt, Gonzalez, Wasserman Schultz, Cleaver, Matsui, Jackson-Lee of Texas, and Fossella.

**BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a Briefing on Global Updates. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

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MAY 27, 2005**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

2 p.m., Monday, June 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

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