

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of the Navy, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2007 for the Secretary of the Senate, Architect of the Capitol, including an update on the progress of the Capitol Visitor Center, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine ground forces readiness in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Joint Strike Fighter F136 Alternative Engine Program in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine innovation and competitiveness legislation, 1:30 p.m., SD-562.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 11:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Post-Palestinian election challenges in the Middle East, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: business meeting to consider S. 1955, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 and the Public Health Service Act to expand health care access and reduce costs through the creation of small business health plans and through modernization of the health insurance marketplace, 9 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the progress of the programs on the Government Accountability Office's high-risk list, including whether a proposal to create a Chief Management Officer at the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense would foster a culture of accountability necessary for improved high-risk program performance, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Patrick Joseph Schiltz, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, and Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and John F. Clark, of Virginia, to be Director of the United States

Marshals Service, both of the Department of Justice, proposed comprehensive immigration reform legislation, S. 1768, to permit the televising of Supreme Court proceedings, S. 829, to allow media coverage of court proceedings, S. 489, to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code, to limit the duration of Federal consent decrees to which State and local governments are a party, S. 2039, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, S. 2292, to provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges, and S.J. Res. 1, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to marriage, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights, to hold hearings to examine hospital group purchasing, focusing on if the industry's reforms are sufficient to ensure competition, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine eliminating retirement income disparity for women, 10 a.m., SD-106

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the Federal Crop Insurance System, 3 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Marketing and Regulatory Programs, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on DOE, Nuclear Waste Disposal, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on Fish and Wildlife Service, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 9 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on SBA, 10 a.m., H-309 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2007 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. Central Command, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee in Military Personnel, hearing on the Military Resale and Morale, Welfare Morale, Welfare and Recreation Overview, 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on evolving Navy missions and the role of surface and subsurface combatants, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Implementing the Global War on Terror Strategy: Overcoming Interagency Problems, 5 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "Status of the Yucca Mountain Project," 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “What’s the Cost? Proposals To Provide Consumers With Better Information About Healthcare Service Costs,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following: H.R. 3997, Financial Data Protection Act of 2005; H.R. 4411, Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2005; H.R. 4916, To authorize United States participation in, and appropriations for, the United States contribution to the first replenishment of the resources of the Enterprise for the Americas Multilateral Investment Fund; H.R. 4912, Rural Health Care Capital Access Act of 2006; the Flood Insurance Modernization and Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 2990, Credit Rating Agency Duopoly Relief Act of 2005; and S. 2141, To make improvements to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled “Strengthening the Nation’s Water Infrastructure: The Army Corps of Engineers’ Planning Priorities,” 3 p.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce and Agency Organization, hearing entitled “Improving the Quality of Healthcare in the FEHBP,” 3:15 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Finance and Accountability, hearing entitled “OMB’s Financial Management Line of Business Initiative: Too Much Too Soon?” 3 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “Taking on Water: The National Park Service’s Stalled Rulemaking Effort on Personal Watercraft,” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4942, Promoting Antiterrorism Capabilities Through International Cooperation Act; and H.R. 4941, Homeland Security Science and Technology Enhancement Act of 2006, 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, to mark up the Department of Homeland Security Management and Operations Improvement Act of 2006, 3:30 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 282, Iran Freedom Support Act; H. Con. Res. 90, Conveying the sympathy of Congress to the families of the young women murdered in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, and encouraging increased United States involvement in bringing an end to these crimes; H. Con. Res. 320, Calling on the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to immediately and unconditionally release Dr. Pham Hong Son and other political prisoners and prisoners of conscience; H. Res. 578, Concerning the Government of Romania’s ban on intercountry adoptions and the welfare of orphaned or abandoned children in Romania; and H.R. 658, Supporting the goals and ideals of Work Water Day, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on Europe and Emerging Threats, joint hearing on the North-

ern Ireland Peace Process: Policing Advances and Remaining Challenges, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on Unrest in South Asia: Recent Developments in Nepal and Sri Lanka, 3 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following: H.R. 4698, Disaster Relief Volunteer Protection Act of 2006; H.R. 4742, To amend title 35, United States Code, to allow the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office to waive statutory provisions governing patents and trademarks in certain emergencies; and H. Con. Res. 319, Expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the successful and substantial contributions of the amendments to the patent and trademark laws that were enacted in 1980 (Public Law 96–517, commonly known as the Bayh-Dole Act), on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of its enactment; H.R. 3127, Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2005; a resolution Honoring Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts and Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States; and to consider pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following: H.R. 122, Eastern Municipal Water District Recycled Water System Pressurization and Expansion Project; H.R. 4123, Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 518, Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Improvement Act of 2005; H.R. 2563, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies to address certain water shortages with the Snake, Boise, and Payette River systems in Idaho; H.R. 3418, Central Texas Water Recycling Act of 2005; H.R. 3418, Central Texas Waste Recycling Act of 2005, H.R. 3462, To provide for the conveyance of the Bureau of Land Management parcels known as the White Acre and Gambel Oak properties and related real property to Park City, Utah; H.R. 3682, To redesignate the Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia as the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 4013, To amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to provide for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater in Juab County, Utah; H.R. 4080, Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005; H.R. 4084, To amend the Forest Service use and occupancy permit program to restore the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to utilize the special use permit fees collected by the Secretary in connection with the establishment and operation of marinas in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain; H.R. 4200, Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act; H.R. 4204, American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2005; H.R. 4686, Multi-State and International Fisheries Conservation and Management Act of 2006; H.R. 4882, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center Deadline Enforcement Act; S. 584, Betty Dick Residence Protection Act; S. 1165 James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge Expansion Act of 2005; and S. 1869, Coastal Barrier Resources Reauthorization Act of 2005, 10 a.m.; and a hearing on H.R.

4893, To amend section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off-reservation gaming, 3 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 1606, Online Freedom of Speech Act, 4:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Subcommittee on the Legislative and Budget Process, hearing on H.R. 4890, Legislative Line Item Veto Act of 2006, 10 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on Undergraduate Science, Math and Engineering Education: What's Working? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the issues confronting the Small Business Administration in the upcoming fiscal years, 2:45 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Rural Enterprise, Agriculture and Technology, hearing entitled "The Missouri River and Its

Spring Rise: Science or Science Fiction? 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Railroads, hearing on Implementation of the Recently Expanded Rail Infrastructure Loan Program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, oversight hearing on education benefits for the total military force, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, Hearing on Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals, 3 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing Regarding New Research on Unemployment Benefit Recipients, 10:30 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.