

Committee Meetings

CHINA'S MILITARY POWER

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on the military power of the People's Republic of China. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs; Mark Cozard, China Forces Senior Intelligence Officer, Defense Intelligence Agency; and COL Robert Carr, USA, Assistant Director, Intelligence, Joint Staff.

INTERNET PRIVATE RECORDS ACCESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Internet Data Brokers and Pretexting: Who Has Access to Your Private Records?". Testimony was heard from Paul Kilcoyne, Deputy Assistant Director, Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; the following officials of the Department of Justice: Elaine Lammert, Deputy General Counsel, Investigative Law Branch, FBI; James J. Bankston, Chief Inspector, Investigative Services Division; U.S. Marshals Service; Ava Cooper Davis, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Special Intelligence, Intelligence Division, DEA; and W. Larry Ford, Assistant Director, Office of Public and Governmental Affairs, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; Peter Lyskowski, Assistant Attorney General, State of Missouri; Julia Harris, Assistant Attorney General, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

SAFE TRUCKERS ACT OF 2006

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 5604, SAFE Truckers Act of 2006.

REDUCING NUCLEAR/BIOLOGICAL THREATS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled "Reducing Nuclear and Biological Threats at the Source." Testimony was heard from Jerry Paul, Principal Deputy Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Frank Record, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State; Jack David, Deputy Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

U.S. ELECTIONS—NON-CITIZEN VOTING AND ID REQUIREMENTS

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing entitled "You Don't Need Papers To Vote?". Non-citizen voting and ID requirements in U.S. elections. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hyde and Langevin; Ray Martinez, Vice Chairman, United States Election Assistance Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; MIDDLE EAST RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations approved for full Committee action the following measures: H. Res. 860, amended, Calling on the Government of Germany to take immediate action to combat sex trafficking in connection with the 2006 FIFA World Cup; H.R. 4319, Assistance for Small and Medium Enterprises in Sub-Saharan African Countries Act of 2005; H.R. 4780, Global Online Freedom Act of 2006; H.R. 5382, Central Asia Democracy and Human Rights Promotion Act of 2006; and H.R. 5652, amended, African Development Foundation Act of 2006.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Can Religious Pluralism Survive in the Middle East: The Plight of Religious Minorities? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF RELIGION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—PROTECTING U.S. WORKERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled "Is the Labor Department Doing Enough To Protect U.S. Workers?". Testimony was heard from Sigurd L. Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Alfred Robinson, Acting Director, Wage and Hour Administration, Employment Standards Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the Reauthorization of the National Park System Advisory Board. Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

WATER AND POWER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Securing the Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Power Infrastructure: A Consumer's Perspective. Testimony was heard from Larry Todd, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FUTURE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held an oversight hearing on the Future of the Federal Courthouse Construction Program: Results of a GAO Study on the Judiciary's Rental Obligations. Testimony was heard from Mark Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Jane R. Roth, Judge, Third Circuit Courts of Appeals, Chairman, Committee on Space and Facilities; and David L. Winstead, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

VETERANS' COMPENSATION COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT ACT OF 2006; OVERSIGHT IT DATA SECURITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 4843, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the legal implications of the theft from a VA employee's home of personal data regarding millions of veterans, active duty military personnel, and spouses.

Testimony was heard from Tim McClain, General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS/INTERNATIONAL TAX REFORM

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on the Impact of International Tax Reform on U.S. Competitiveness. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PATH AHEAD FOR THE CIA; CIA DIRECTOR AS HUMINT MANAGER

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "Path Ahead for the CIA." Testimony was heard from GEN Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, CIA.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "The CIA Director as HUMINT Manager." Testimony was heard from GEN Michael V. Hayden, USAF, Director, CIA.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold a closed briefing on State Department and Defense Department cooperation overseas, 1 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.