

Committee Meetings

RENEWABLE FUELS MARKET

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review Agriculture's Role in the Renewable Fuels Market. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; and public witnesses.

REPORTS OF WMD IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on reports of weapons of mass destruction findings in Iraq. Testimony was heard from LTG Michael D. Maples, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; Terence Taylor, former Commissioner, U.N. Special Commission on Iraq; and public witnesses.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MISSIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on assessing United States Special Operations Command's missions and roles. Testimony was heard from GEN Wayne A. Downing, USA (Ret.); and public witnesses.

U.S. COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on Growth, Opportunity, Competition—America Goes to Work. Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness in the Financial Services Sector." Testimony was heard from D. Scott Parsons, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Compliance Policy, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 3329, Civilian Prisoner-of-War Medal Act of 2005; H.R. 5607, Federal Wildland Firefighter Classification Act; H.R. 4962, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Pitcher Street in Utica, New York, as the "Captain George A. Wood Post Office Building"; H.R. 5626, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 802 South Carrier Parkway in Grand Prairie, Texas, as the "Alexander McRae Dechman Post Office Building"; H. Res. 189, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a day ought to be established to

bring awareness to the issue of missing persons; H. Res. 721, Supporting the goals and ideals of a Salvadoran-American Day (El Dia del Salvadoreno) in recognition of all Salvadoran-Americans for their hard work, dedication, and contribution to the stability and well-being of the United States; and H.R. 5711, To permit the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia to establish a program of voluntary separation incentive payments for nonjudicial employees of the District of Columbia courts.

WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "What Price Free Speech?: Whistleblowers and the Ceballos Decision." Testimony was heard from Richard Ceballos, Deputy District Attorney, Los Angeles County, California; and public witnesses.

CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2006

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection and Cybersecurity held a hearing on H.R. 5695, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Michael A.L. Balboni, Senator, New York State; and public witnesses.

SOMALIA CRISIS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a joint hearing on Somalia: Expanding Crisis in the Horn of Africa. Testimony was heard from Jendayi E. Frazer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; Ted Dagne, Specialist in African Affairs, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

NORTH KOREAN BRINKMANSHIP

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, hearing on North Korean Brinkmanship: Is U.S. Policy Up to the Challenge? Testimony was heard from Christopher Hill, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported H.R. 5323, Proud to Be an American Citizen Act.

JUDICIARY TRANSPARENCY AND ETHICS ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2006

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 5219, Judiciary Transparency and Ethics Enhancement Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.

NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT OF 2006

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 5539, North American Wetlands Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Representative Kennedy of Minnesota; Mathew J. Hogan, Acting Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Department of the Interior; John Frampton, Director, Department of Natural Resources, State of South Carolina; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—HEALTHY FORESTS: TARGETS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Healthy Forests: Targets and Accomplishments. Testimony was heard from P. Lynn Scarlett, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; and Mark Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA.

OVERSIGHT—AIRLINE PASSENGER BAGGING SCREENING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on Airline Passenger Baggage Screening: Technology and Airport Deployment Update. Testimony was heard from Randy Null, Assistant Administrator, Operational Process and Technology, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security; Cathleen A. Berrick, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—VA DATA SECURITY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held an oversight hearing on VA's current status of mitigating the nation's second largest data breach. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: R. James Nicholson, Secretary; Gordon H. Mansfield, Deputy Secretary; Jonathan

Perlin, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration; Ronald R. Aument, Deputy Under Secretary, Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration; and William Tuerk, Under Secretary, Memorial Affairs, National Cemetery Administration.

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES IMPROVEMENT ACT; U.S.-OMAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5640, amended, Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006; and H.R. 5684, United States-Oman Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act.

INTEGRATED COLLECTION ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Integrated Collection Architecture. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on The Plight of Religious Minorities: Can Religious Pluralism Survive? 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.