

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17th, for Morning-Hour Debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, July 19th.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5133.

**Senate Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 108 was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and S. Con. Res. 96 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5204–04, H5205, H5205–06, H5206–07, and H5207. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### OVERSIGHT—CHESAPEAKE BAY RESTORATION PROGRAM

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Program. Testimony was heard from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO.

### MEDICAL LIABILITY SOLUTIONS

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Innovative Solutions to Medical Liability.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### SECURITY CLEARANCE INVESTIGATIONS—FOREIGN INFLUENCE FACTORS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled “Can You Clear Me Now?: Weighing ‘Foreign Influence’ Factors in Security Clearance Investigations.” Testimony was heard from Robert Andrews, Deputy Under Secretary, Counterintelligence and Security, Department of Defense; J. William Leonard, Director, Information Security and Oversight Office, National Archives and Records Administration; and public witnesses.

### NEW YORK 9/11 ASSISTANCE FRAUD

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, to continued hearings entitled “Federal 9/11 Assistance to New York: Lessons Learned in Fraud Detection, Pre-

vention, and Control.” Part 2, “Recovery.” Testimony was heard from Ruth Ritzema, Special Agent in Charge for New York, Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Eric Thorson, Inspector General, SBA; Douglas Small, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Leroy Frazer, Bureau Chief, Special Prosecutions Bureau, District Attorney’s Office, New York County; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee concluded hearings on this subject, focusing on Part 3, “Rebuilding.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Bernard Cohen, Lower Manhattan Recovery Office, Federal Transit Administration; and Todd J. Zinser, Acting Inspector General; Michael Nestor, Director, Office of Investigations, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey; and a public witness.

### VENEZUELA AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Venezuela: Terrorism Hub of South America? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Frank C. Urbancic, Jr., Principal Deputy Coordinator, Office of the Coordinator for Counterterrorism; and Charles Shapiro, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

### OVERSIGHT—ABANDONED MINE LANDS

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Opportunities for Good Samaritan Cleanup of Hard Rock Abandoned Mine Lands. Testimony was heard from Brent Fewell, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; Joseph Pizarchik, Director, Bureau of Mining and Reclamation, Department of Environmental Protection, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—WORKING RANCHES/OPEN SPACES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Working Ranches, Healthy Range and Maintaining Open Space, focusing on the importance of federal grazing programs and working ranches to the landscape. Testimony was heard from Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Ed Shepard, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management; and Kenneth McDermond, Deputy Manager, California-Nevada Operations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;

Anette Rink, Laboratory Supervisor, Animal Disease and Food Safety Laboratory, State of Nevada; and public witnesses.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 383, Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail Designation Act of 2005; H.R. 4581, Easement Owners Fair Compensation Claims Act of 2005; and H.R. 5132, River Raisin National Battlefield Study Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell and Akin; Christopher Jarvi, Associate Director, Partnerships, Interpretation and Education, Volunteers, and Outdoor Recreation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

#### SMALL MANUFACTURERS REGULATORY REFORM

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled "An Update on Administration Action To Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens on America's Small Manufacturers." Testimony was heard from Steve Aitken, Acting Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Richard D. Otis, Jr., Deputy Associate Administrator, Policy, Economics, and Innovation, EPA; Veronica Vargas Stidvent, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

#### VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS PROMOTION ACT

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3082, Veteran-Owned Small Business Promotion Act of 2005.

#### MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT OF PHYSICIAN-ADMINISTERED DRUGS

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Medicare reimbursement of physician-administered drugs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Herb B. Kuhn, Director, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and Robert A. Vito, Regional Inspector General, Evaluations and Inspections; Bruce Steinwald, Director, Health Care, Economic and Payment Issues, GAO; and Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; and public witnesses.

#### TAX ADVICE PATENTING ADVICE

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on issues relating to the patenting of tax advice. Testimony was heard from James Toupin, General Counsel, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Mark Everson, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public 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.

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#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.