

respect to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Metro Rail project, California.

The Committee also approved GSA Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions.

OVERSIGHT—TRANSIT SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Transit Safety: the Federal Transit Administration's State Safety Oversight Program. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Schruth, Associate Administrator, Program Management, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Kate Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS CLAIMS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on the role of national, state, and county veterans' service officers in claims development. Testimony was heard from Jack McCoy, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Program Management, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; COL. Warren R. McPherson, USMC (Ret.), Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs, State of Florida; Tim Tetz, Executive Director, Office of Veterans Services, State of Nevada; and representatives of veterans organizations.

WELFARE REFORM REVIEW

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing to Review Outcomes of 1996 Welfare Reforms. Testimony was heard from Senator Santorum; former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich of Georgia; Tommy G. Thompson, former Secretary of Health and Human Services; June O'Neill, former Director, CBO; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE SURVEILLANCE ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Held a hearing on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. Testimony was heard from Judge Richard A. Posner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine USDA dairy programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, H.R. 5385, making appropriations for the military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and H.R. 5576, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding overhead imagery systems, 9:30 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Ray Correll, of Indiana, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and Mark Myers, of Alaska, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, both of the Department of the Interior, and Drue Pearce, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy options regarding North Korea, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to receive a closed briefing regarding Iran, 11 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Iran's nuclear impasse, focusing on the status of Iran's nuclear weapons capabilities, European negotiations and the UN Security Council, and the feasibility of further negotiations, democracy promotion, sanctions, and/or military operations, 1:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine "VA Data Privacy Breach: Twenty-Six Million People Deserve Assurance of Future Security", 10 a.m., SR-418.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the generic drug maze relating to access to affordable, life-saving drugs, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing on H.R. 3849, PIC and POPs Conventions and the LRTAP POPs Protocol Implementation Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 16, Tribal Labor Relations Restoration Act of 2005, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on H.R. 5785, Warning, Alert, and Response Network Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, to consider the following: H.R. 5664, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 110 Cooper Street Babylon, New York, as the “Jacob Fletcher Post Office Building;” H. Res. 605, Recognizing the life of Preston Robert Tisch and his outstanding contributions to New York City, the New York Giants Football Club, the National Football League, and the United States; H. Res. 823, Commending the outstanding efforts by members of faith-based and community organizations in response to Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita; H. Res. 901, Honoring former President William Jefferson Clinton on the occasion of his 60th birthday; a Committee Report entitled “Brownfields: What Will It Take to Turn Lost Opportunities Into America’s Gain?” H.R. 3282, Abolishment of Obsolete Agencies and Federal Sunset Act of 2005; and H.R. 5766, Government Efficiency Act of 2006; followed by a hearing entitled “Climate Change: Understanding the Degree of the Problem,” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources and the Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cyber-Security of the Committee on Homeland Security, joint hearing entitled “Expanding the Border: Construction Options and Strategic Placement Fence,” 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Resources, hearing entitled “Hybrid Cars: Increasing Fuel Efficiency and Reducing Oil Dependence,” 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, executive, briefing on the National Asset Database by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Infrastructure Protection, 10 a.m., H2-176 Ford.

Committee on International Relations, hearing on Asian Free Trade Agreements: Are They Good for the USA? 10 a.m., and a hearing on the Sale of F-16 Aircraft and Weapons Systems to Pakistan, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations, hearing on Angola’s Long Delayed Election, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on U.S. Nonproliferation Strategy: Policies and Technical Capabilities, 9:30 a.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on H.R. 682, Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act, 11:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled “Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act: Are We Fulfilling the Promise We Made to Cold War Veterans When We Created the Program? Part 3 in a Series,” 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans, oversight hearing on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Growing Operations Crisis Within the National Wildlife Refuge System, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Agriculture, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, joint hearing entitled “Chinese Barriers to Trade: Does China Play Fair?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on U.S. Coast Guard Licensing and Documentation of Merchant Mariners, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to mark up the following measures: Veterans Identify and Credit Protection Act of 2006; Construction and Lease Authorization; H. Con. Res. 125, Expressing the support for the designation and goals of “Hire a Veteran Week” and encouraging the President to issue a proclamation supporting those goals; and H. Con. Res. 347, Honoring the National Association of State Veterans Homes and the 119 State veterans homes providing long-term care to veterans that are represented by that association for their contributions to the health care of veterans and the health-care system of the Nation, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement Implementation Act, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on FBI Confidential Human Source Operations, 1:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on S. 250, to amend the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to improve the Act, 3 p.m., HC-5, Capitol.