

NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

#### HOUSING CRISIS TAX INCENTIVES TO STIMULATE ECONOMY

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “The Housing Crisis: Identifying Tax Incentives to Stimulate the Economy.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### MAINTAINING HIGHWAYS/TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Maintaining our Nation’s Highway and Transit Infrastructure. Testimony was heard from Pete K. Rahn, Director, Department of Transportation, State of Missouri; Allen D. Biehler, Secretary of Transportation, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

#### RAILROAD HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Historic Preservation of Railroad Property and Facilities. Testimony was heard from John M. Fowler, Executive Director, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Patrick B. Simmons, Director, Rail Division, Department of Transportation, State of North Carolina; Elizabeth Merritt, Deputy General Counsel, National Trust for Historic Preservation; and public witnesses.

#### VETERANS’ MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 2818, To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of Epilepsy Centers of Excellence in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 2192, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 4089, To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the collective bargaining rights and procedures for review of adverse actions of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 4463, Veterans Health Care Quality Improvement Act; and H.R. 5888, To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility. Testimony was heard from Representatives Filner, Doyle and Walz of Minnesota; and Gerald M. Cross, M.D., Principal Deputy Under Secretary, Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to continue hearings to examine the organizational structures of the Department of State responsible for arms control, counterproliferation, and nonproliferation, focusing on the processes they have in place for optimizing national efforts, 2 p.m., SD-342.

#### House

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Making GSA Lease and Construction Process Efficient, Transparent, and User-friendly, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

#### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for May 2008, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.