

was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: James B. Peake, M.D., Secretary; and John D. Daigh, Jr., M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections, Office of Inspector General; Paul Seligman, M.D., Associate Director, Safety Policy and Communication, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

COLUMBIA HOSTAGE SITUATION

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Meet in executive session to receive a briefing on Colombia Hostage Situation. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies, Energy and Water Development, and Financial Services and General Government, 2 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), focusing on implementing the renewable fuel standard, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine issues and options for the transportation infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine protocol Amending the Convention Between the United States of America and Canada with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital done at Washington on September 26, 1980, as Amended by the Protocols done on June 14, 1983, March 28, 1984, March 17, 1995, and July 29, 1997, signed on September 21, 2007, at Chelsea (the "proposed Protocol") (Treaty Doc. 110-15), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, and accompanying Protocol, signed on October 23, 2007, at Washington, D.C. (Treaty Doc. 110-17), Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, with accompanying Protocol, signed at Washington on February 23, 2007 (the "Proposed Treaty"), as well as the Protocol

Amending the Convention Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion With Respect to Taxes on Income, signed at Sofia on February 26, 2008 (Treaty Doc. 110-18), and certain other pending treaties, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the roots of violent Islamist extremism and efforts to counter it, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine passport files, focusing on privacy protection for all Americans, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to continue hearings to review legislation amending the Commodity Exchange Act, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on the CFTC, 11 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Threat posed by Electromagnetic Pulse Attack, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces, hearing on the source selection and path forward regarding the Air Force KC-(X) Program, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on oversight and status of POW-MIA activities, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing on H.R. 6258, Carbon Capture and Storage Early Deployment Act, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "Systemic Risk and the Financial Markets," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on the Politicization of the Justice Department and Allegations of Selective Prosecution, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, to mark up H.R. 6034, To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for relief to surviving spouses and children; and to consider private relief measures, 1 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing entitled "Going, Going, Gone? An Assessment of the Global Decline in Bird Populations," 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 160, Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act; H.R. 1847, National Trails System Willing Seller Act; H.R. 2933, Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2007; H.R. 3299, To provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving Roosevelt National Forest,

Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land; H.R. 3336, Camp Hale Historic District Study Act; H.R. 3849, Box Elder Utah Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 5263, Forest Landscape Restoration Act; H.R. 5751, Walnut Canyon Study Act of 2008; and H.R. 6177, Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Extension Act of 2008, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and the District of Columbia, hearing on Investing in the Future: Minority Opportunities and the TSP, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives, hearing on 2010 Census: Using the Communication Campaign to Effectively Reduce the Undercount, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms: The Challenges on the Nation's Coastlines, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on the Role of Green Technologies in Spurring Economic Growth, 10 a.m., 1539 Longworth.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on Independent Living, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1527, Rural Veterans Access to Care Act; H.R. 6114, Simplifying and Updating National Standards to Encourage Testing of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus of 2008; H.R. 6122, Veterans Pain Care Act of 2008; H.R. 6366, Veterans Revenue Enhancement Act of 2008; H.R. 6439, Mental Health for Heroes' Families Act of 2008; and H.R. 6445, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, briefing on IC HUMINT, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, hearing entitled "Global Warming Effects on Extreme Weather," 1:30 p.m., 210 Cannon.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine public pension plans, focusing on the need to strengthen retirement security and economic growth, 10 a.m., SD-106.