

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY—FORENSIC SCIENCE ROLE

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation held a hearing on Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: The Role of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Testimony was heard from Pete Marone, Director, Technical Services, Department of Forensic Science, State of Virginia; John Hicks, former, FBI Laboratory, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Lands and Emergency Management held a hearing on EDA Reauthorization: Rating Past Performances and Setting Goals During an Economic Crisis. Testimony was heard from the Sandra R. Walters, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration, Department of Transportation; Jonathan Sallet, former Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Planning and Strategic Planning, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

VA BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2010

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing on U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2010. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade met for organizational purposes.

Joint Meetings

CLIMATE REMEDIATION POLICIES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine the impact of potential climate remediation policies on carbon-intensive United States industries and creating climate-friendly economic and trade policies, focusing on ways the financial crisis impacts the implementation of climate-friendly policies within the United States and among trading partners, after receiving testimony from Richard D. Morgenstern, Resources for the Future, Trevor Houser, Rhodium Group Peterson Institute for International Economics, and Rob Bradley, World Resources Institute, all of Washington, DC.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 231)

S. 234, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building". Signed on March 9, 2009. (Public Law 111-7)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine violent Islamist extremism, focusing on al-Shabaab recruitment in America, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties to examine S.J. Res. 7 and H.J. Res. 21, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the election of Senators, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine voter registration, focusing on assessing current problems, 10 a.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry, hearing to review animal identification systems, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Assessment of the Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative, 9:30 a.m., on Innovative Prisoner Reentry, 1:30 p.m., and 3 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Soldier Equipment, Ergonomics and Injuries, 10 a.m., and executive, on Army and Marine Corps Readiness, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Financial Services, and Government Operations, on SEC Actions Relating to the Financial Crisis, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, on U.S. Forest Service Oversight, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on security challenges arising from the global financial crisis, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on Tracking and Disrupting Terrorist Financial Networks: A Potential Model for Inter-Agency Success? 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.