

of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, focusing on emissions-control technologies and utility-sector investment issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* June 3, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marsha E. Barnes, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Suriname, John F. Maisto, of Pennsylvania, to be Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization of American States, with the rank of Ambassador, and William B. Wood, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia, 10 a.m., SD-419.

June 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Iraq stabilization and reconstruction, focusing on international contributions and resources, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

June 5, Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs, to hold hearings to examine life inside North Korea, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* June 4, to hold hearings to examine transforming the Department of Defense Personnel System, focusing on finding the right approach, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

June 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of C. Stewart Verdery, Jr., of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning/Border and Transportation Security Directorate, Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Joe D. Whitley, of Georgia, to be General Counsel, all of the Department of Homeland Security, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* June 3, to hold oversight hearings to examine the status of tribal fish and wildlife management programs, 10 a.m., SR-485.

June 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 281, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to make certain amendments with respect to Indian tribes, to provide for training and technical assistance to Native Americans who are interested in commercial vehicle driving careers, and S. 725, to amend the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to provide from the Highway Trust Fund additional funding for Indian reservation roads, 10 a.m., SR-485.

June 4, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the impacts on tribal fish and wildlife management programs in the Pacific Northwest, 2 p.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* June 4, to hold hearings to examine S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, 10 a.m., SH-216.

June 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

June 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be Director of the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* June 5, to hold hearings to examine Senate Rule XXII relative to the clo-

ture rule and proposals to amend this rule, 2 p.m., SR-301.

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* June 4, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 and proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Small Business Administration, 2 p.m., SR-428A.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* June 3, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* June 3, to hold hearings to examine the future of human longevity, focusing on the importance of markets and innovation, 10 a.m., SD-628.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* June 3, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy regarding narcotics in Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

### House Chamber

*Tuesday:* Consideration of suspensions:

1. H.R. 2143, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act;
2. S. 222, Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act;
3. S. 273, Grand Teton National Park Land Exchange Act; and
4. H.R. 1082, Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse.

Consideration of H.J. Res. 4, Prohibition of Flag Desecration Amendment to the Constitution of the United States (modified closed rule, two hours of general debate);

*Wednesday and Thursday:* Consideration of suspensions:

1. H. Con. Res. 177, Recognizing and Commending the Participants and Supporters of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq;
  2. H. Res. 201, Commending the Business Support for the Armed Forces and their Families;
  3. H.R. 361, Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act; and
  4. H.R. 1954, Armed Forces Naturalization Act.
- Consideration of H.R. 760, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act (subject to a rule);
- Consideration of H.R. 1119, Family Time Flexibility Act (subject to a rule); and
- Consideration of H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (subject to a rule).

*Friday:* No votes are expected in the House.

### Committee Meetings

#### FOLLOWING TOXIC CLOUDS: SCIENCE AND ASSUMPTIONS IN PLUME MODELING

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations held a hearing on "Following Toxic Clouds: Science and Assumptions in Plume

Modeling.” Testimony was heard from Keith Rhodes, Chief Technologist, GAO; Anna Johnson-Winiger, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary, Chemical/Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense; Bruce Hicks, Director, Air Resources Laboratory, NOAA, Department of Commerce; Donald L. Ermak, Program Leader, National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory; and public witnesses.

### FLAG PROTECTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 5 to 4, a modified closed rule providing 2 hours of debate in the House on H.J. Res. 4, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule makes in order an amendment in the nature of a substitute, if offered by Representative Conyers or his designee, which shall be separately debatable for one hour equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Watt and Cooper.

### House Committees

*Committee on Agriculture,* June 4, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research, hearing to review conservation technical assistance and the implementation of the Conservation Title of the 2002 Farm Bill, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

June 5, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Appropriations,* June 3, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Screener Background Investigations, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

June 4, Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, on Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce,* June 3, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on H.R. 2210, School Readiness Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 4, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, to mark up H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

June 4, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on “Strengthening Pension Security: Examining the Health and Future of Defined Benefit Pension Plans,” 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* June 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Can Tobacco Cure Smoking?—A Review of Tobacco Harm Reduction,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled “Status of Methyl Bromide under the Clean Air Act and the Montreal Protocol,” 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 3, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Assessing Initiatives to Increase Organ Donations,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

June 4, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Wireless E-911 Implementation: Progress and Remaining Hurdles,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

June 5, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Consumer Directed Services: Improving Medicaid Beneficiaries’ Access to Quality Care,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* June 3, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “The Accounting Treatment of Employee Stock Options,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 4, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Fair Credit Reporting Act: How it Functions for Consumers and the Economy,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

June 5, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on H.R. 2179, Securities Fraud Deterrence and Investor Restitution Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* June 3, hearing entitled “Potential Reduced Exposure/Reduced Risk Tobacco Products: An Examination of the Possible Public Health Impact and Regulatory Challenges,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 5, hearing on “Wasted Space, Wasted Dollars: Reforming Federal Real Property to Meet 21st Century Needs;” followed by a markup of H.R. 2086, Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

June 6, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on “Elevation of the Environmental Protection Agency to Department Level Status: H.R. 37, and H.R. 2138 (Department of Environmental Protection Act),” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations,* June 3, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, briefing entitled “The Forgotten Refugees: the Jewish Exodus from Arab Lands,” 2:30 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

June 4, full Committee, hearing on U.S. Nonproliferation Policy After Iraq, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

June 4, Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up the following measures: H. Con. Res. 80, expressing the sense of Congress relating to efforts of the Peace Parks Foundation in the Republic of South Africa to facilitate the establishment and development of transfrontier conservation efforts in southern Africa; H. Con. Res. 134, acknowledging the deepening relationship between the United States and the Republic of Djibouti and recognizing Djibouti’s role in combating terrorism; H. Con. Res. 154, concerning the transition to democracy in the Republic of Burundi; H. Res. 177, commending the people of the Republic of Kenya for conducting free and fair elections, for the peaceful and orderly transfer of power in their

government, and for the continued success of democracy in their nation since that transition; H. Res. 237, honoring the life and work of Walter Sisulu, a critical leader in the movement to free South Africa of apartheid, on the occasion of his death; and H. Res. 194, regarding the importance of international efforts to abolish slavery and other human rights abuses in the Sudan, 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, June 5, oversight hearing entitled "The United States Department of Justice," 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, June 3, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Reauthorization of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Private Property Protection Under the National Historic Preservation Act, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, June 3, to consider the following bills: H.R. 760, Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003; and H.R. 1474, Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act, 5 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, June 4, to mark up H.R. 1081, Aquatic Invasive Species Research Act; followed by a hearing on H.R. 1118, Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Firefighters Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

June 5, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, to mark up H.R. 1856, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research Amendments Act of 2003; followed by a hearing on Manufacturing R&D: How Can the Federal Government Help? 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, June 4, hearing on Visa Delays, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, June 3, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Port Security, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 4, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, oversight hearing on The Administration's Proposal to Reauthorize the Economic Development Administration, 2 p.m., 2253 Rayburn.

June 4, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, to continue oversight hearings on Water: Is it the "Oil" of the 21st Century? 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

June 5, Subcommittee on Aviation, oversight hearing on The Aircraft Cabin Environment, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, June 3, hearing to receive the report of the President's Task Force to Improve Health Care Delivery for our Nation's Veterans, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, June 4, executive, hearing on Special Programs, 2:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

June 4, Subcommittee on Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on CIA Technical Program, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

June 5, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: June 4, to hold hearings to examine democracy, human rights, and justice in Serbia today, 10 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.

June 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine arming rogue regimes, focusing the role of OSCE Participating States, 10 a.m., 334, Cannon Building.