

## COMMERCIAL DRIVER DRUG-ALCOHOL TESTING

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highway and Transit held a hearing on Drug and Alcohol Testing of Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations; and Katherine A. Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Team; John Hill, Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Robert L. Stephenson, II, Director, Division of Workplace Programs, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; John Wilburn Williamson, Assistant Director, Driver and Vehicle Services, Division of Motor Vehicles, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

## VA CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the VA Construction Process. Testimony was heard from MG David W. Eidsuane, USAF, Commander, Air Armament Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, Department of the Air Force; Donald H. Orndoff, Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## TAX RELIEF MEASURES

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3996, Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007; and H.R. 3997, Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2007.

## WILDFIRES AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

*Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:* Held a hearing entitled "Wildfires and the Climate Crisis." Testimony was heard from Abigail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House versions of proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2008 for the intelligence community, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

### LABOR/HHS/EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1438)

H.R. 3678, to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to extend the moratorium on certain taxes relating to the Internet and to electronic commerce. Signed on October 31, 2007. (Public Law 110-108)

S. 2258, to temporarily extend the programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965, to amend the definition of an eligible not-for-profit holder. Signed on October 31, 2007. (Public Law 110-109)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled "Progress in Administration and Other Efforts To Coordinate and Enhance Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.