

WEALTHY AMERICAN TAXPAYERS BANKING SECRECY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measurers held a hearing on Banking Secrecy Practices and Wealthy American Taxpayers. Testimony was heard from Douglas H. Shulman, Commissioner, IRS, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

ARMENIA BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Armenia. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D302)

H.R. 146, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture. Signed on March 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-11)

H.R. 1512, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program. Signed on March 30, 2009. (Public Law 111-12)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Joe Leonard, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Civil Rights, Kathleen A. Merrigan, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary, James W. Miller, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and Dallas P. Tonsager, of South Dakota, to be Under Secretary for Rural Development, all of Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine assistance for civilian casualties of war, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine United States policy toward Afghanistan and Pakistan, with the possibility of a closed session following in SR-222, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the implementation of Wounded Warrior policies and programs, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, with the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to receive a joint closed briefing to examine nuclear terrorism, 3:30 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's renewable fuel standard, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection, to hold hearings to examine United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the 21st Century, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine enhanced partnership with Pakistan, 3 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider H.R. 35, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, United States Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, S. 599, to amend chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code, to create a presumption that a disability or death of a Federal employee in fire protection activities caused by any certain diseases is the result of the performance of such employee's duty, S. 469, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to modify the computation for part-time service under the Civil Service Retirement System, S. 615, to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, S. 507, to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, S. 713, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactures housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense, S. 574, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, S. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009, and the nominations of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an

Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Karen Gordon Mills, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, hearing to review the state of the farm economy, 11 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Legal Services Corporation, 9:30 a.m.; and on Justice Reinvestment, 1:30 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Shipbuilding Programs, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Cargo and Container Security: Keeping a Lid on Threats, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on USFS and DOI—Budgeting for Wildfire Suppression, 9:30 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Pathways to Health Reform: Implementing the National Strategy to Reduce Healthcare-Associated Infections, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on The Future of High Speed Rail, Intercity Passenger Rail and Amtrak, 2 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on Measuring Value and Efficiency: How to Assess the Performance of the Defense Acquisition System, 7:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Coordinating Contract Support on the Battlefield: Defense, State and U.S. AID, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the National Security Personnel System—The Way Forward, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to consider H.R. 627, Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights Act of 2009, 11 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "The Future of Fusion Centers: Potential Promise and Dangers," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, hearing on Management of Asbestos and Hazardous Materials at the Smithsonian Institution, 1 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Elections, hearing on 2008 Audit Review and Agency Spending by the Election Assistance Commission, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on Proposals to Fight Fraud and Protect Taxpayers, including the following measures: H.R. 1748, Fight Fraud Act of 2009; H.R. 1292, To amend title I, of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a National White Collar Crime Center grants program for purposes of improving the identification, investigation, and prosecution of certain criminal conspiracies and activities and terrorist conspiracies and activities; H.R. 1667, War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2009; the False Claims Corrections Act; the Financial Crimes Resources Act of 2009; the Money Laundering Correction Act of 2009; and H.R. 78, Stop Mortgage Fraud Act, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on Supreme Court decision *Carcieri v. Salazar* Ramifications to Indian Tribes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H. Con. Res. 85, Setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2010 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2009 and 2011 through 2014, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, hearing on Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, hearing on IRS Oversight: Are Tax Compliance Costs Slowing the Economic Recovery? 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Civil Rights Services and Diversity Initiatives in the Coast Guard, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on Health Reform in the 21st Century: Reforming the Health Care Delivery System, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on North Korea update, 12 p.m., and, executive, a briefing on Afghanistan, 4 p.m., 304 HVC.

Subcommittee on Intelligence Community Management, hearing on Management Issues in the Intelligence Community, 10 a.m., 2203 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, with the Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to receive a joint closed briefing to examine nuclear terrorism, 3:30 p.m., SVC-217.

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