

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