

FAA AND AVIATION PROGRAMS COMMERCIAL AVIATION AUTHORIZATIONS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Authorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Aviation Programs: Commercial Aviation. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for the U.S. Department of Labor. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

CIA OVERVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on the Director of the CIA Overview. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, after receiving testimony Raymond C. Sisk, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D204)

H.R. 395, to authorize the Federal Trade Commission to collect fees for the implementation and enforcement of a "do-not-call" registry. Signed on March 11, 2003. (Public Law 108-10)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine causes of the medical liability insurance crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine military strategy and operational requirements in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year

2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense, focusing on the impacts of environmental laws on readiness and the related Administration legislative proposal, 2 p.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Transit Administration, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to continue markup of a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 2004 budget for the Federal Government, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 579, to reauthorize the National Transportation Safety Board, S. 275, to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, and to establish the United States Boxing Administration, S. 196, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, S. 165, to improve air cargo security, the nominations of, Ellen G. Engleman, of Indiana, to be a Member of and Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, Richard F. Healing, of Virginia, and Mark V. Rosenker, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board, Charles E. McQueary, of North Carolina, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, Jeffrey Shane, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Emil H. Frankel, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, Robert A. Sturgell, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, U.S. Coast Guard promotion lists, the rules of procedure, and subcommittee assignments for the 108th Congress, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the impact of fires in 2002 and then look forward to the potential 2003 fire season, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold oversight hearings to examine the designation and management of National Heritage Areas, including criteria and procedures for designating heritage areas, the potential impact of heritage areas on private lands and communities, federal and non-federal costs of managing heritage areas, and methods of monitoring and measuring the success of heritage areas, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, and Conformity programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold a closed briefing to examine Iraq's political future, 2 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, the Fleet Reserve Association, and the Air Force Sergeants Association, 10 a.m., 345 Cannon Building.

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

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on National Resources Conservation Service, 9:30 a.m., and on Research, Education and Economics, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State and The Judiciary, and Related Agencies, on SEC, 1 p.m., H-309 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Northern Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Department of Energy-Science, Nuclear Energy, and Renewable Energy, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs, on Secretary of State, 10:30 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on National Endowment for the Arts, and National Endowment for the Humanities, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Department of Education-Panel: "Special Education and Vocational Education" program, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Inspector General, Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA and HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Council on Environmental Quality, 10 a.m., and on Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request, 8 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on environmental legislative proposals, 10:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on force protection policy, with emphasis on the role of the Department of Defense and the National Guard in homeland security, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Department of Defense total force transformation and overview of the fiscal year 2004 military personnel budget request, 3 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on "IDEA, Focusing on Improving Results for Children and Disabilities," 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 660, Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2003, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, to continue hearings on "Comprehensive National Energy Policy," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following bills: H.R. 21, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act; H.R. 522, Federal Deposit Insurance Act of 2003; and H.R. 758, Business Checking Freedom Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Stumbling onto Smut: The Alarming Ease of Access to Pornography on Peer-to-Peer Networks," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing entitled "Federal E-Government Initiatives: Are We Headed in the Right Direction?" 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, to consider Committee funding requests, 10:40 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Europe, hearing on United States Priorities in Europe, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the "International Copyright Piracy: Links to Organized Crime and Terrorism," 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, to mark up H.R. 1081, Aquatic Invasive Species Research Act; followed by a hearing on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia: Strengthening the Science, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, to meet for organizational purposes, and to hold an oversight hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 2004 Budgets for the U.S. Coast Guard and the Federal Maritime Commission, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs: What are the needs, and how to meet those needs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 743, Social Security Protection Act of 2003, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Hot Spots, 8:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence, executive, hearing on Future Imagery Architecture Program, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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