

OVERSIGHT—HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT NEEDS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines held an oversight hearing on Highway and Transit Needs: The State and Local Perspective. Testimony was heard from the following Governors: Paul E. Patton, Kentucky; Edward G. Rendell, Pennsylvania; and Jennifer M. Granholm, Michigan; the following Mayors, Victor Ashe, Knoxville, Tennessee; William Brooks, Belle Isle, Florida; Beverly O'Neill, Long Beach, California; Greg Nickells, Seattle, Washington; and Elizabeth G. Flores, Laredo, Texas; and Bill Hansell, Commissioner, Umatilla County, Oregon.

TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WATER COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Representative Linder; Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, USA, Chief of Engineers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Kathryn J. Jackson, Executive Vice President, TVA; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 241, Veterans Beneficiary Fairness Act of 2003; H.R. 761, Disabled Servicemembers Adapted Housing Assistance Act of 2003; H.R. 1257, Selected Reserve Home Loan Equity Act; H.R. 1460, amended, Veterans Entrepreneurship Act of 2003; H.R. 1683, Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003; and H.R. 1949, Vendee Loan Restoration Act.

VA'S PROGRESS ON THIRD PARTY COLLECTIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on VA's Progress on Third Party Collections. Testimony was heard from Leo S. Mackay, Deputy Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cynthia Bascetta, Director, Veterans' Health and Benefits Issues, GAO; representative of a veterans organization; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Secretary of the Senate and the Architect of the Capitol, 1:30 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: closed business meeting to mark up proposed legislation authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for military activities of the Department of Defense, 9:45 a.m., SR-222.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Annette Sandberg, of Washington, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate Change, and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine S. 485, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine S. 2, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax incentives to encourage economic growth, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 878, to authorize an additional permanent judgeship in the district of Idaho, and the nominations of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, David G. Campbell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, William Emil Moschella, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Carolyn B. Kuhl and Consuelo Maria Callahan, both of California, both to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Michael Chertoff, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, and L. Scott Coogler, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert D. McCallum, Jr., of Georgia, to be Associate Attorney General, and Peter D. Keisler, of

Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, both of the Department of Justice, 2 p.m., SD-226.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following: H.J. Res. 49, recognizing the important service to the Nation provided by the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and H.R. 1904, Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003, 9 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to continue on public witnesses. 9:45 a.m., and 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

May 8, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Management and Cost Oversight of Federal Highway Funding, 10 a.m., and on the Secretary of the Treasury, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the Project Bioshield Act of 2003, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "Trade in Services and E-Commerce: The Significance of the Singapore and Chile Free Trade Agreements," 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled "The Importance of the National Credit Reporting System to Consumers and the U.S. Economy," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled "Out of Many, One: Assessing Barriers to Information Sharing in the Department of Homeland Security," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing on "Consumer Choice and Implementing Full Disclosure in Dentistry," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to continue markup of H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights, joint hearing on U.S. Cooperative Threat Reduction and Nonproliferation Programs, Part I, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on "Direct Broadcasting Satellite Service in the Multichannel Video Distribution Market," 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, oversight hearing on War on Terrorism: Immigration Enforcement Since September 11, 2001, 2 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on the National Earthquake Reduction Program: Past, Present, and Future, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on NASA's Integrated Space Transportation Plan and Orbital Space Plan Program, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on Overcoming Obstacles Facing the Uninsured: How the Use of Medical Savings Accounts, Flexible Spending Accounts and Tax Credits Can Help, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on the Status of the Federal Flight Deck Officer Program, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Aviation, to mark up H.R. 765, to amend title 49, United States Code, to allow cargo pilots to participate in the Federal flight deck officer program, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, hearing on past and present efforts to identify and eliminate fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement in programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, 10:30 a.m., 334 Cannon.