

## SOCIAL INVESTMENT FUND FOR THE AMERICAS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Case for a Social Investment Fund for the Americas. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 521, Steel Industry National Historic Site Act; H.R. 1798, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act; and H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003.

## MERCURY EMISSIONS

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards held a hearing on Mercury Emissions: State of the Science and Technology. Testimony was heard from. David Krabbenhoft, Research Scientist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

## COMMERCIAL SPACE ACT

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on H.R. 3245, Commercial Space Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BUILDING CAPABILITIES: INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY'S NATIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR DIVERSITY

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on Building Capabilities: The Intelligence Community's National Security Requirements for Diversity of Languages, Skills, and Ethnic and Cultural Understanding. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper, Jr., USAF (Ret.), Director, Imagery and Mapping Agency; William Black, Deputy Director, NSA; and Armando Rodriguez, Chief, Office of Diversity Management and Equal Employment Opportunity, Defense Intelligence Agency; Don Cryer, Director, Plans and Programs, Community Management Staff, CIA; Peter Teets, Director, National Reconnaissance Office; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### TAX REFORM

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the current tax code system, focusing on academic principles that should guide fundamental tax reform, after receiving testimony from Senator Specter and Representatives Linder and McDermott; Michael J. Boskin, Stanford University

Hoover Institution, Palo Alto, California; Edward J. McCaffery, University of Southern California Law School, Los Angeles; and Cliff Massa III, Patton Boggs LLP, and Robert S. McIntyre, Citizens for Tax Justice, both of Washington, D.C.

## MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS ACT

*Conferees* agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2559, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

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## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 1209)

H.J. Res. 75, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004. Signed on October 31, 2003. (Public Law 108-104).

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the Nominations: of Floyd Hall, of New Jersey, Louis S. Thompson, of Maryland, and Robert L. Crandall, of Texas, each to be a Member of the Reform Board (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine lunar exploration, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S. Res. 237, welcoming the public apologies issued by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia and urging other leaders in the region to perform similar concrete acts of reconciliation, S. Res. 256, observing the 50th anniversary of the Mutual Defense Treaty between the United States and the Republic of Korea, affirming the deep cooperation and friendship between the people of the United States and the people of the Republic of Korea, and thanking the Republic of Korea for its contributions to the global war on terrorism and to the stabilization and reconstruction of Afghanistan and Iraq, S. 950, to allow travel between the United States and Cuba, S. 1317, to amend the American Servicemember's Protection Act of 2002 to provide clarification with respect to the eligibility of certain countries for United States military assistance, and the nominations of Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan, Louise V. Oliver, of the District of Columbia, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Permanent Representative to the

United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, William J. Hudson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Tunisia, Margaret Scobey, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Syria, Thomas Thomas Riley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, Jackie Wolcott Sanders, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Conference on Disarmament and the Special Representative of the President of the United States for Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Mary Kramer, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Barbados and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Timothy John Dunn, of Illinois, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, James Curtis Struble, of California, to be Ambassador to Peru, Hector E. Morales, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, Marguerita Dianne Ragsdale, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti, Edward B. O'Donnell, Jr., of Tennessee, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Jon R. Purnell, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan, Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense's improper use of first and business class airline travel, 2 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 710, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who commit acts of torture, extrajudicial killings, or other specified atrocities abroad are inadmissible and removable and to establish within the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice an Office of Special Investigations having responsibilities under that Act with respect to all alien participants in war crimes, genocide, and the commission of acts of torture and extrajudicial killings abroad, H.R. 1086, to encourage the development and promulgation of voluntary consensus standards by providing relief under the anti-trust laws to standards development organizations with respect to conduct engaged in for the purpose of developing voluntary consensus standards, S. 1685, to extend and expand the basic pilot program for employment eligibility verification, S. Con. Res. 77, expressing the sense of Congress supporting vigorous enforcement of the Federal obscenity laws, H.R. 1437, to improve the United States Code, and the nominations of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Janice R. Brown, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, D. Michael Fisher, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, James B. Comey, of New York, to be Deputy Attorney General, Department

of Justice, Michael J. Garcia, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and Mark R. Filip, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

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

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* to review the application for contract market designation of the United States Futures Exchange LLC before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "Computer Viruses: The Disease, the Detection, and the Prescription for Protection," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, to continue hearings entitled "Mutual Funds: Who's Looking Out for Investors?" 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* to consider the following measures: H.R. 2751, GAO Human Capital Reform Act of 2003; H.R. 2886, Department of Homeland Security Financial Accountability Act; H. Res. 274, honoring John Stockton for an outstanding career, congratulating him on his retirement, and thanking him for his contributions to basketball, to the State of Utah, and to the Nation; H. Res. 373, expressing the sense of Congress with respect to the Women's United Soccer Association; H. Res. 408, recognizing the 50th anniversary of The Conservative Mind; H. Con. Res. 69, expressing the sense of Congress that Althea Gibson should be recognized for her groundbreaking achievements in athletics and her commitment to ending racial discrimination and prejudice within the world of sports; H. Con. Res. 299, honoring Mr. Sargent Shriver for his dedication and service to the United States of America, for his service in the United States Navy, and for his lifetime of work as an ambassador for the poor and powerless citizens of the United States of America; H. Con. Res. 313, to urge the President, on behalf of the United States, to present the Presidential Medal of Freedom to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, in recognition of his significant, enduring, and historic contributions to the causes of freedom, human dignity, and peace and to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of His Holiness' inauguration of his ministry as Bishop of Rome and Supreme Pastor of the Catholic Church; H.R. 2130, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 650 Kinderkamack Road in River Edge, New Jersey, as the "New Bridge Landing Post Office;" H.R. 3300, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15500 Pearl Road in Strongsville, Ohio, as the "Walter F. Ehrfelt, Jr. Post Office Building;" H.R. 3353, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 Main Street in Tarboro, North Carolina, as the "George Henry White Post Office Building;" S. 1590, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service, located at 315 Empire Boulevard in Crown

Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as the “James E. Davis Post Office Building;” and S. 1718, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3710 West 73rd Terrace in Prairie Village, Kansas, as the “Senator James B. Pearson Post Office,” 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations and the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Rela-

tions and the Census, joint hearing on “First Responder Interoperability: Can You Hear Me Now?” 10 a.m., and 11:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science*, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing on “What are the Administration Priorities for Climate Change Technology?” 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing to Examine Recent Failure to Protect Child Safety, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.