

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### 2005 BUDGET: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

*Committee on the Budget:* on Friday, February 13, Committee concluded a hearing to examine the

President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the Treasury, after receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 2004 at 2 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D28–29)

H.R. 2264, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 to carry out the Congo Basin Forest Partnership program. Signed on February 13, 2004. (Public Law 108–200)

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 24 through February 28, 2004

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at 9:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2061, Healthy Mothers and Healthy Babies Access to Care Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill to occur at 5 p.m.

On *Wednesday*, Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1805, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, with a vote to occur on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Appropriations:* February 24, to hold hearings to examine the federal government's response to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease), 10 a.m., SD–124.

February 25, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

February 26, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for emergency preparedness and response budget, 10 a.m., SD–124.

February 26, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Office of Science and Technology Policy and the National Science Foundation, 10 a.m., SD–192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 25, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine policies and programs for preventing and responding to incidents of sexual assault in the armed services, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

February 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management, Office of Future Liabilities, and Office of Legacy Management, relating to the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed session in SH–219, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* February 24, to resume hearings to examine proposals for improving the regulation of the housing government sponsored enterprises, 10 a.m., SD–538.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on understanding the fund industry from the investor's perspective, 10 a.m., SD–538.

February 25, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine proposals for improving the regulation of the housing government sponsored enterprises, 2:30 p.m., SD–538.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Alphonso R. Jackson, of Texas, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Linda Mysliwy Conlin, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of

the United States, and Rhonda Keenum, of Mississippi, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Services, 10 a.m., SD-538.

February 26, Full Committee, to continue hearings to examine current investigations and regulatory actions regarding the mutual fund industry, focusing on fund operations and governance, 2 p.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* February 25, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed homeland security budget request for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., SD-106.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed international affairs budget request for fiscal year 2005, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 24, to hold hearings to examine voice over internet protocol, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine processor quotas, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* February 24, to hold hearings to examine the reliability of the nation's electricity transmission grid, 10 a.m., SD-366.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Susan Johnson Grant, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* February 24, to hold a closed briefing to examine Haiti's political crisis, 9 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine rethinking the road map regarding the Middle East, 2:30 p.m., SR-325.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Japanese tax treaty and the Sri Lanka tax protocol, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 25, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine USAID contracting policies, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine public diplomacy and international free press, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine next steps in U.S. relations regarding Libya, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* February 24, to hold hearings to examine preserving a strong United States Postal Service relating to workforce issues, 10 a.m., SD-342.

February 25, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Government Reform Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Reorganization, to examine the key to homeland security relating to the new human resources system, 10 a.m., 2154 RHOB.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* February 25, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2 p.m., SD-430.

February 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine ensuring quality and accountability regarding higher education accreditation, 2 p.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* February 25, to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2005 budget request, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 24, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine cyberterrorism in the 21st century, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Roger T. Benitez, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, 10 a.m., SD-226.

February 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* February 24, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, 2 p.m., SH-216.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* February 24, to hold hearings to examine current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-106.

February 24, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* February 24, to hold hearings to examine government protection of older Americans relating to financial lending, 10 a.m., SD-628.

## House Chamber

Program to be announced.

## House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 25, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Agriculture, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on CIA, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 25, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Interior, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on SSA, 10:15 a.m., and on Corporation for Public Broadcasting, 11:20 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Legislative, on House of Representatives, 2:30 p.m., on GPO, 3:30 p.m., on GAO, 4 p.m., and on Library of Congress, 4:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

February 25, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Quality of Life, 9:30 a.m., and on Quality of Life in the Military with Spouses, 1:30 p.m., B-300 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on Office of Science and Technology Policy, 10 a.m., on Arlington Cemetery, 11 a.m., on Consumer Product Commission, 1 p.m., and on Council on Environmental Quality, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Natural Resources and Environment, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Commerce, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies, on Secretary of Energy, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Worker Protection Agencies, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies, on U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services*, February 25, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request of the Department of the Army; and to mark up H. Res. 499, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, 6 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request: Status of the Space Programs, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the Department of Defense force health protection and surveillance efforts for service members deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, full Committee, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request for the Department of the Air Force, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Military Construction Budget Request for the Programs of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Agencies, and the Reserve Components of the Department of the Air Force, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the Department of Defense Transformation, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Budget*, February 25, hearing on The Economic Outlook and Current Fiscal Issues, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

February 26, hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

*Committee on Education and the Workforce*, February 25, hearing entitled “Strengthening Pension Security for All Americans: Are Workers Prepared for a Safe and Secure Retirement?” 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, February 26, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, to continue hearings on H.R. 3717, Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, February 25, to consider the following: H.R. 2179, Securities Fraud Deterrence

and Investor Restitution Act of 2003; to consider the Committee’s Views and Estimates on the Budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; and pending Committee business, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform*, February 24, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, oversight hearing entitled “We’d Like to See You Smile: The Need for Dental and Vision Benefits for Federal Employees (H.R. 3751),” 3 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “How to Improve Regulatory Accounting: Costs, Benefits, and Impacts of Federal Regulations—Part II,” 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing on “Investigation Into Health Care Disparities in the United States Pacific Island Territories,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 26, full Committee, hearing entitled “Will ‘Network’ Work? A Review of Whether a Centralized Government Telecom Plan Jibes with an Ever-Evolving Market,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled “Afghanistan: Law Enforcement Interdiction Efforts in Transship Countries to Stem the Flow of Heroin,” 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on International Relations*, February 24, Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, hearing on United States and the Iraqi Marshlands: An Environmental Response, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 25, full Committee, to mark up the following: H. Res. 499, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame; H.R. 3782, Counter-Terrorist and Narco-Terrorist Rewards Program Act; H.R. 854, Belarus Democracy Act of 2003; The Microenterprise Results and Accountability Act of 2004; a resolution urging passage of a resolution addressing human rights abuses in People’s Republic of China at the 60th Session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and calling upon the Government of People’s Republic of China to respect and protect human rights; H. Con. Res. 15, Commending India on its celebration of Republic Day; and the Assistance to Orphaned and Vulnerable Children in Developing Countries Act of 2004, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

February 26, hearing on U.S. Foreign Assistance After September 11th: Major Changes, Competing Purposes and Different Standards—Is There an Overall Strategy? 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, February 24, Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Satellite Home Viewer Improvement Act,” 4 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 25, full Committee, to mark up H. Res. 499, Requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the President and those officials relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

February 25, Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims, oversight hearing entitled "Funding for Immigration in the President's 2005 Budget," 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Resources*, February 25, oversight hearing on An Examination of the Potential for a Delegate from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 25, Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2005 Budgets for the Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Geological Survey and Power Marketing Administrations, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1856, Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Amendments Act of 2003, 2:30 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

February 26, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, oversight hearing to examine the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget for the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management and ongoing efforts to reduce their maintenance backlogs, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Rules*, February 24, to consider the following: H.R. 2751, GAO Human Capital Reform Act of 2003; and H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2004, 7 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science*, February 25, hearing on The Conflict Between Science and Security in Visa Policy: Status and Next Steps, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, February 25, to consider Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 1:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs, hearing entitled "Union Salting of Small Business Worksites," 10:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, February 25, to mark up the following: the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; GSA Fiscal Year 2004 Leasing Resolutions; H.R. 2523, to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "Tomochichi United States Courthouse;"

H.R. 2538, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the "Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr., United States Courthouse;" H.R. 3147, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the "James V. Hansen Federal Building;" H.R. 3462, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Education in Washington D.C., as the Lyndon Baines Johnson Federal Building; and other pending business, 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

February 26, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2005, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*, February 25, to consider the Committee's Views and Estimates on the Budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 2:15 p.m., 334 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, February 26, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on the Social Security Service Delivery Plan for 2005, 10 a.m., B-2318 Rayburn.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, February 24, executive, hearing on World-wide Threats, 3:30 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 25, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on IC Analytical Capabilities and Information Sharing, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, hearing on IC Language Capabilities, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

February 26, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, executive, hearing on IC Military Coordination in Iraq, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

*Select Committee on Homeland Security*, February 25, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Science and Research Development, hearing entitled "Homeland Security Science and Technology Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2005, 1 p.m., 2325 Rayburn."

### Joint Meetings

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