

HOMELAND SECURITY: NEW HUMAN RESOURCES SYSTEM

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Government Reform Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Reorganization to examine the new personnel system of the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testimony from Admiral James M. Loy, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security; Kay Coles James, Director, Office of Personnel Management; David M. Walker, Comptroller General, General Accounting Office; and John Gage, American Federation of Government Employees, Colleen M. Kelley, National Treasury Employees Union, and Mike Randall, National Association of Agriculture Employees, all of Washington, D.C.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 98)

S. 610, to amend the provisions of title 5, United States Code, to provide for workforce flexibilities and certain Federal personnel provisions relating to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Signed on February 24, 2004. (Public Law 108-201).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: 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.

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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: 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.

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

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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: to hold hearings to examine public diplomacy and international free press, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

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

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine ensuring quality and accountability regarding higher education accreditation, 2 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Raymond W. Gruender, of Missouri, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, Franklin S. Van Antwerpen, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Judith C. Herrera, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, F. Dennis Saylor IV, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Sandra L. Townes, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Louis Guirola, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, Virginia E. Hopkins, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama, Kenneth M. Karas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, Ricardo S. Martinez, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington, Gene E. K. Pratter, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Neil Vincent Wake, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Michele M. Leonhart, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of Drug Enforcement, Domingo S. Herraiz, of Ohio, to be Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance, and LaFayette Collins, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Texas all of the Department of Justice, 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 Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies, on Natural Resources and Environment, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Government Reform, to consider the following: Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2005 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H.R. 3733, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Huston Street in Altamont, Kansas, as the "Myron C. George Post Office;" H.R. 3797, 2004 District of Columbia Omnibus Authorization Act; H.J. Res. 87, Honoring the life and legacy of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and recognizing his contributions on the anniversary of the date of his birth; H. Con. Res. 328, Recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the designation of a National Military Appreciation Month; H. Res. 433, Honoring the life and legacy of Luis A. Ferre; and H. Res. 475, Congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup;

followed by a 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.

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

Committee on International Relations, 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 Resources, 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.

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

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

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